

FRENCH REJECT GERMAN REARMAMENT

About Town

And Country

By TIMOTHEUS T.

BIRTH OF CHRIST (St. Luke 11 4:20):

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they had heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Father Pleads For Judge to Spare Vandal Son

CHICAGO (AP) — A contrite father has offered to "work day and night the rest of my life" if a judge will spare his vandal son from jail.

The father, Theodore Castle, 48, made the plea for his son, William, 15, in Family Court Thursday.

"I'll work day and night the rest of my life to make good the damage," Castle said. "Just don't send my boy to jail."

William is one of four teenagers who broke into the Mulligan Elementary School September 28 and caused \$45,000 damage.

After the youths wrecked furniture and splattered classrooms with ink and paint, young Castle started a fire by throwing a match into a bunch of oily rags in the basement.

Castle, a salesman, said he and his wife had reunited following a two years' separation and "I feel I can make it up to my son."

O'Connell gave the boys' parents 60 days in which to work out plans to pay \$2,000 each. When the parents tearfully asked that their sons be allowed to come home for Christmas, the judge said "No."

Miners Exam at Eldorado Jan. 15

An examination for miners' certificates will be held at Eldorado Jan. 15, from 9 a. m. to noon, at the mine rescue station, the state miners' examining board announced today.

Dies at Broughton

Herman Gaines, 59, died yesterday at 12:15 p. m. at his home in Broughton.

The body is now at the Turner funeral home where it will lie in state.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Broughton Baptist church. Rev. Ben Foley will officiate.



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Mild Weather Raises Hopes for Low Christmas Traffic Deaths

By United Press

Highways, railroads and airplanes were jammed today with happy holiday travelers hurrying to celebrate Christmas with their loved ones.

Temperatures were generally mild across the nation, raising hopes that a predicted toll of 370 traffic deaths from 6 p. m. tonight to midnight Sunday would not be reached.

The warming weather spoiled hopes for a white Christmas in many parts of the country, however. Forecasts for the holiday included:

New England: A white Christmas in the north, where a storm earlier this week covered the countryside with snow. Warmer to the south.

The Atlantic Seaboard: Milder temperatures, probably melting snow that fell earlier this week. Fair and colder in New York City. The Southeast: Mild temperatures, although a little lower than average in some areas.

The Midwest: A probable white Christmas in northern Indiana, western Illinois, and northern Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota. Possible snow Christmas Day in the Chicago area.

The Southwest: A mild cool front moving south through Texas, but not strong enough to bring snow or bitter temperatures.

The Pacific Coast: Some smog at Los Angeles, slowly rising temperatures except along the coast. Snow in the higher elevations.

Terminals Jammed
Rail and air terminals across the nation reported a land office business as the last minute holiday rush began.

The Pennsylvania railroad added 700 special trains, and 15 special trains, many of them hauling soldiers home for the holidays, were added to the Santa Fe system.

United Air Lines reported its Christmas traffic the "heaviest in history" and added 50 extra flights for the holiday week. Extra flights were also added by American, Braniff, Eastern, Northwest, Trans World, Capital and other airlines.

Overseas, all troop mess halls in Europe were ordered to dish up a Christmas Day menu of roast turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, buttered fresh lima beans, lettuce and tomato salad, fresh celery strips, stuffed olives, sweet pickles, hot rolls, fruit cake, mince-meat pie a la mode, fruit, candy and nuts.

Accept German Invitations
About 40,000 Allied soldiers and civilians meanwhile took advantage of invitations to spend Christmas as the guests of German families.

In Korea, Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York spent his fourth consecutive Christmas with the troops, celebrating masses and visiting with the soldiers.

President and Mrs. Eisenhower played host at the White House Christmas party Thursday. They gave the same gift—a reproduction of the President's portrait of George Washington—to aides and employees and then left to spend the holiday at their "winter" White House at Augusta, Ga.

Dies in Crash While Delivering Gifts
MITCHELL, Ill. (AP)—Joseph D. Black, 63, of Salem, Mo., was killed Thursday night in a head-on crash as he rode with his son-in-law to deliver Christmas gifts to relatives.

The son-in-law, Leroy Wilkinson, 24, of Wood River, Ill.; his son Dale, 3, and the driver of the other car, Frank Furfaro of Collinsville, Ill., were injured in the wreck at the intersection of U. S. 66 and Ill. 111.

MINES

Monday's Report
Sahara 5, 6 and 16 work.
Peabody 43 works.
Blue Bird everything works.
Carmac works.

Noel, Herta Field Ask Asylum in Red Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP)—Americans Noel and Herta Field have asked for and been granted political asylum in Communist Hungary, a government communique announced today.

The brief statement released by the Hungarian news agency MTI at 12:35 p. m. said:

"Noel H. Field and his wife Herta A. Field, American citizens, asked for political asylum to the government of the Hungarian Peoples Republic. The government has granted the asylum."

The U. S. Legation in Budapest said it had not been informed of the dramatic new development in the Field mystery until foreign correspondents telephoned.

Mrs. Geo. Sullivan Dies at Eldorado

Mrs. Ellen Lee Sullivan, widow of the late George Sullivan, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. George Bishop, 2117 First street, Eldorado, at 3:30 a. m. today.

She was 79 years of age and is survived by the following children: three sons, Jess of Eldorado, J. V. of Muddy and Ray of Carrier Mills, and three daughters, Mrs. George (Bessie) Bishop, Eldorado, Mrs. Mabel Cullum, Carrier Mills, and Mrs. Grace Cummins of Saline, Mich.

Also surviving is one sister, Mrs. Millie White, Semath, Mo., 14 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

The body will be taken from the Martin funeral home to the home of Mrs. Bishop to lie in state until the funeral hour. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Ledford Baptist church with Elder Aaron Reeder officiating and burial will be in the Ledford cemetery.

Woman is Killed When Auto Overturns
EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. (AP)—Mrs. Gusta Roberts, 45, Chicago, was killed Thursday night when a car driven by her husband went off U. S. 66 and overturned.

Her husband, Ray, was not injured. He told police a passing car forced him to swerve from the road five miles southwest of Edwardsville.

Metro Josenko Dies Near Wasson
Metro Josenko, 70, a retired miner living on Harrisburg RFD 4 in the Wasson community, died unexpectedly today at 4 a. m. following a short illness.

He leaves his wife, Anna, and two stepchildren, Mrs. Chester Budzinski, Plymouth, Mich., and Andy Bolecky, Evansville, Ind.

The body is now at the Bean and Tanner funeral home and arrangements are incomplete.

Eisenhowers to Spend Quiet Christmas Eve

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—The nation's "first family" planned a quiet Christmas Eve at the Augusta National Golf Course today.

President Eisenhower was expected to take advantage of the predicted mild and clear weather by playing his second game of golf since arriving Thursday for the holidays.

After his golfing rounds during the morning the President and Mrs. Eisenhower and her mother, Mrs. Elvira Doud of Denver, Colo., planned to dine Christmas Eve in the lavish golf club setting.

Missing from the Christmas setting were the Eisenhower's son, Maj. John Eisenhower, his wife Barbara, and their three children who in the past have joined the family holiday gatherings here.

John Eisenhower is now on duty at the Army Command School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. An Army spokesman said he plans to spend the holidays at that post.

To Study Messages
The presidential party including members of his immediate staff and William E. Robinson, a New York City public relations executive, arrived from Washington early Thursday afternoon aboard the Columbine III.

Later during his annual work-and-play vacation at the "Winter White House" the President will hold a series of conferences with his top advisors on the three messages to Congress.

Before he returns to Washington on about Jan. 2, the President hopes to pore over these vital administration documents, the State of the Union, the new budget, and his annual economic report.

The content of all three messages has been completed but the President wants to use his vacation to add his personal phrases and make other last minute alterations before presenting the message to the new Democratic Congress.

10 Union Painters Donate Time to Paint Baptist Mission
Santa Claus had some very able and willing helpers to paint the Baptist mission on East Locust street, last Saturday. Ten members of the Harrisburg Painters and Decorators Union No. 1345 donated their time and came with brushes, and ladders and in a short while had completely redecorated the interior of the mission, with a beautiful shade of blue.

The Rev. Waldo Shelton, pastor, and the workers in the Sunday school were delighted with the transformation of their little church, which has been a blessing to that area of the city.

U. S. Officials Dismayed by French Action

State Dep't Hopes Mendes-France Can Reverse Decision

WASHINGTON (AP)—American diplomatic officials were dismayed today over the French National Assembly's rejection of the Western European Defense Union and German rearmament.

The State Department planned no formal comment until it received further details of the assembly's action. But it was known the department held high hopes that Premier Pierre Mendes-France could save the situation in the series of confidence votes to begin Monday.

The department had banked heavily on French approval of the European defense plans, and there had been little discussion recently of alternatives if the plans failed.

At the time the French rejected the European army plan, the United States threatened to begin the "agonizing reappraisal" of its policy toward Europe which Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said would be necessary.

Proposed Alternatives

Presumably, if the French assembly in later votes sticks by its rejection of the new European defense plans, this country would begin such a reappraisal and reconsider alternatives proposed when the European Defense Community plan was killed.

These would include:

1. Rearming Germany anyway through a bilateral military agreement. Mendes-France warned the assembly during its debate that the United States might take such a step if the new defense plans were rejected.

2. Abandoning the strategy of a "forward defense" of Europe; that is, keeping large masses of American troops on the spot to defend Europe at the boundaries of the West with the Iron Curtain.

This alternative would call for cutting down drastically the size of American forces on the European mainland and pulling back to Great Britain and Spanish bases. In this event, the defense would be based largely on air power and atomic bombs rather than conventional ground troops.

Six Injured In Three Area Auto Accidents

Three collisions last night involving six vehicles sent six persons to hospitals for treatment, State Policeman Roy A. Lane said today.

Lane and State Officer Adolph Sweat investigated all three crashes, one of which occurred at 5:15 p. m. at the Routes 45-142 intersection south of Eldorado, one on Route 45 near Ledford at 8 p. m. and one on Route 13 at 11 p. m.

At the Routes 45-142 intersection, cars driven by Andrew J. Berkel, 50, Eldorado, and Peggy Ann Millon, 21, Arlington, Va., collided, sending Mrs. Millon and a companion, Margaret Rice, 18, Arlington, Va., to the Pearce hospital in Eldorado. The Rice woman suffered a broken and dislocated shoulder and Mrs. Millon suffered concussion. Mrs. Millon's husband was not hurt.

Taken to the Ferrell hospital for treatment were Berkel's 30-year-old daughter, Dorothy, and Knewton Casteel of Eldorado, 85 years old.

A truck operated by Andy Bryant was hit in the rear by a brand new Chevrolet driven by Max Berns of Carrier Mills on Route 45 when Bryant started to turn left toward old Ledford, and Mrs. Andy Bryant suffered injuries. Both vehicles were coming toward Harrisburg.

Vollie Bishop Jr. was brought to Lightner hospital following the 11 p. m. collision on Route 13. State Police said Bishop's car hit the rear of a car driven by Charles Girot of Muddy as Girot prepared to turn off at the Grove Inn.

The Girot car turned over five times, Lane stated, but neither Girot nor a male companion was hurt. Also not injured were two men who were with Bishop.



Fred H. Wasson

Heart Attack Is Fatal to Fred H. Wasson

Funeral Sunday for Carrier Mills Civic, Church Leader

Fred H. Wasson, Carrier Mills merchant and community and church leader, died last night of a heart attack.

Mr. Wasson, 60 years old, was stricken last night as he entered his home and died about an hour later, at 10:20 p. m., at the Lightner hospital here.

He had driven to the home of a daughter, Mrs. Waldo C. Killman, at Marion to pick up another daughter, Miss Katherine Wasson, employed at Memphis, Tenn., and they had just arrived at the Wasson home in Carrier Mills when he became ill. Mr. Wasson had received treatment for a heart ailment in the past and it was learned that he suffered an attack in September during a one-month tour of South America with a group representing the Baptist Brotherhood.

Funeral Sunday
His body was taken to the Thornon funeral home in Carrier Mills, where it will lie in state until the funeral.

The rites will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday at the First Baptist church of Carrier Mills with the minister, the Rev. Ernest Ammon, in charge of the service. The Rev. L. H. Moore, Carbondale, of the Illinois State Baptist association, will preach the funeral sermon and others taking part will be George Schroeder of Memphis, head of the Brotherhood in the Southern Baptist convention, and Dr. Noel M. Taylor, also of the Baptist association headquarters in Carbondale.

There also will be the military rites of the American Legion and the 32nd Degree Masonic Consistory service. Mr. Wasson served in World War I. Cousins will be active pallbearers and honorary pallbearers will be deacons of the Baptist church and Masons.

The family announced that those who desire may make a contribution to the Heart Fund in lieu of flowers.

Wife, Three Children Survive
Mr. Wasson, son of the late Val and Mellie E. Wasson, was born in Pope county. His father was a pioneer merchant, establishing stores at Raleigh and Wasson besides the big Wasson department store in Carrier Mills, of which Fred Wasson had been manager for years, moving there in 1925.

His wife is the former Katie Cable of Raleigh. She survives, along with three children, two grandchildren, two brothers, and two sisters. Children are Harold Wasson of Galesburg, Ill., Mrs. Waldo Killman of Marion and Miss Kathryn Wasson of Memphis.

His sisters are Mrs. Orval Dean of Harrisburg and Miss Carrie B. Wasson of Carrier Mills. Dewey Wasson and Chester Wasson of Eldorado are brothers.

Active Worker
Mr. Wasson was a Baptist lay worker well known throughout the state association and the Southern Baptist convention. He was chairman of the Board of Deacons of the Carrier Mills church and his greatest work was in the Brotherhood. He also taught a Sunday school class.

He was president of the Saline County Dry association, had served as director in the Greater Egypt association and the Egyptian Retailers association. He had served as president of the Saline County Historical society and took part in the annual Ozark Tours and in the Gideons. He did community work through the Carrier Mills Lions club and was active in Boy Scout promotion.

Premier Will Ask Confidence Vote Monday

Assembly Approves Saar Proposal and German Sovereignty

PARIS (AP)—French deputies rejected German rearmament today at a preliminary test vote in the National Assembly but approved bills on internationalizing the Saar and granting Germany sovereignty.

The stunning upset decision against German rearmament by the same deputies who killed the European Defense Community only four months ago forced Premier Pierre Mendes-France to take his government on a reversal in a confidence vote next Monday.

Deputies rebuffed an article which would put 500,000 armed Germans in a Western European Union by a 280 to 259 vote on the first of three ratification bills.

After a brief recess in the all-night session, the deputies then approved articles recommending Europeanization of the Saar borderland and ending the occupation by giving Germany sovereignty.

The vote on the Saar article was 368 to 145. The sovereignty issue carried by a 380 to 180 vote. A third agreement which would permit Allied troops to remain in Germany at the German's request was approved by a show of hands.

But the endorsement of the Saar and Sovereignty recommendations was overclouded by the unexpected defeat of the article calling for rearmament of West Germany and admitting it to WEU.

In a move to reverse the assembly's action and save WEU, Mendes-France called for confidence votes starting Monday afternoon on these issues:

1. West German entry into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and rearmament.

2. Additional protocols on German participation in NATO.

3. A reversal of the assembly's vote on WEU.

While the voting on rearmament was purely a preliminary move, it cast gloom among pro-rearmament deputies and delighted Communists and right-wingers who have tried desperately to block ratification.

Supporters were stunned because the defeat came shortly after the assembly had turned down, 450 to 181, a "murder motion" which would have blocked ratification of the articles without a final vote.

Mendes-France not only had called for ratification of West German rearmament but also demanded in an impassioned plea that it be given overwhelming endorsement to show the West was united and strong.

The Premier counseled against abstaining, because refusal to vote would betray France's strength.

But his pleas to the deputies not to sit on the fence as abstainers backfired against him on the upset vote. Many who had planned to abstain voted against rearmament instead.

The final tide was turned by Catholic Popular Republican party (MRP) members who, in a stormy meeting during a one-hour adjournment just before the vote, ignored their leaders' advice and decided to oppose rearmament rather than abstain.

Death Takes
A. J. Glass, 78
A. J. Glass, 78, who lived at 1018 Barnett street, died today at 10:30 a. m. at his home. The body is now at the Gibbons funeral home and arrangements have not been made.

Locate Stolen Auto
The Pontiac automobile stolen a few nights ago during a burglary at the Pool Pontiac agency in Harrisburg has been located at Muskogee, Okla., Chief of Police Loren Trivelstead said today. He had no other information this morning.

The Weather
ILLINOIS: Fair and somewhat colder; partly cloudy and colder tonight, mostly cloudy Christmas day. Low tonight 32. High tomorrow mid 40's.

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Thursday Friday
3 p. m. 58 3 a. m. 37
6 p. m. 50 6 a. m. 34
9 p. m. 46 9 a. m. 37
12 mid. 42 12 noon 50



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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY
Blessed is the man that over-
cometh temptation. — James 1:12.
The love of God supports us, and
therein we gain.

Eovaldi Named City Judge at Benton

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Wil-
liam G. Stratton has named Wil-
liam G. Eovaldi, 50, Benton, to fill
an unexpired term as Benton city
judge.

The vacancy was created when
William Webb Johnson, former city
judge, was sworn in as county
judge for Franklin County Dec. 6.
The next election for city judge
will be held in July, 1955.

Eovaldi has resided at Benton
for 48 years. He was graduated
from the University of Illinois in
1930 and admitted to the bar in
1931.

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The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND by DREW PEARSON



DREW PEARSON Says:
Man's Life At Christmas Time
Is No Longer Simple: The
World Gradually Struggles To-
ward Christ's Ideals; Kremlin
Makes Vital Mistake Of Neg-
lecting Dignity Of Man.

WASHINGTON. — There was a
day when the life of a newspaper-
man was relatively easy at Christ-
mas time. So was life for most of
the world. The world wasn't wor-
ried too much about wars and in-
ternational trouble spots; and
newspapermen weren't worried too
much about work.

The favorite device by which I
managed to take Christmas off in
the old days was to write about
the status of Christmas Island.
Was that forlorn piece of coral in
the mid-Pacific American? Or was
it British? Nobody in those days
cared a whoop, but it gave me
something to write about one day
ahead of Christmas and then re-
lax for the holiday.

How times have changed!
Times have even changed re-

garding Christmas Island. For
with World War II Christmas Is-
land assumed great international
importance, with U. S. planes fly-
ing to the South Pacific using it for
refueling. Now, symbolic of more
changes, Christmas Island is im-
portant no more.

Modern long-range planes fly
right over it, and the interest of
the United States has moved on to
islands much farther away — the
tiny islands of Quemoy and Tachen
hugging the coast of China — that
hardly anyone ever heard of until
recently.

All of which illustrates the ex-
panding, far-flung interest of the
United States, and it illustrates
the change that has come over the
world, though it doesn't particu-
larly illustrate the spirit of Christ-
mas.

There was a time just a little
over a decade ago when Franklin
D. Roosevelt's statement that
America's "frontier was now on
the Rhine" brought howls of an-
guish from a group of senators who
went to see him.

Today these senators, some even
from the same isolationist school,
want us to invade the Chinese
mainland, even provoke a prevent-
ive war with China.

So times have changed.
APPLY SERMON ON MOUNT
But there is one thing that has
not changed—the basic teaching
which the man whose birthday we
now celebrate laid down for us
nearly 2,000 years ago.

If things were simple for us 20
years ago, they were even simpler
when Joseph and Mary, riding into
Bethlehem on a donkey, prepared
for the birth of the Babe who was
to set a new standard of peace on
earth and good will to men.

Men's moral standards at that
time were a lot higher than they
are today. The prophets of Israel
had repeatedly warned their peo-
ple that if they did not live up to
those standards they would be de-
stroyed; on top of which Jesus
brought forth the highest expres-
sion of moral and ethical behavior
ever known to man—the Sermon
on the Mount.

Now it may seem strange for a
newspaperman who gets called a
lot of names and is supposed to
write backstage stories to talk
about these things. But there is no

story, either backstage or in
front of the stage, as important as
man's weary, uncertain struggle
toward the ideals set forth in that
sermon; so perhaps a hardboiled
newspaperman may be forgiven for
letting his thoughts stray to these
things at Christmas time.

For it seems to me that, despite
all the headaches and heartaches,
we have made progress. Some-
times the progress is overlooked
and lost sight of by discouragement,
by the lethargic lapses of
American idealism, by our occa-
sional tendency to put dollars
ahead of decent diplomacy.

Slowly, however, we do move
ahead.

The decision to submit the ques-
tion of imprisoned American fliers
to the United Nations rather
than take force in our own hands
was such a move. So was the UN
decision to exchange peacetime
atomic information. These were
concrete cases in which we applied
the Sermon on the Mount to di-
plomacy.

DIGNITY OF MAN

Another ideal toward which we
are making progress is recognition
of the dignity of man. For per-
haps the greatest gift Jesus of
Nazareth gave us was the vision
of what man could become.

Hitler's greatest mistake was
that he denied the dignity of man.
Christ taught that man was the
son of God—the fallen son, and so,
capable of doing evil, but still the
son of God. Hitler assumed that
man was no more than the bright-
est of the beasts and treated him
as such.

It was this mistake that lost Hit-
ler the war. For when 3,000,000
Russians deserted to the German
army as the Nazis swept across
Russia in 1941, Hitler treated them
not as human beings, but as he
treated all people. If he had done
differently victory might have been
his.

And the reason the 3,000,000 Rus-
sians deserted to Hitler illustrates
the same mistake made by the
Kremlin, not only then but today.
For the Kremlin also fails to re-
cognize the dignity of man.

That's why the Supreme Court
decision putting all children on
the same basis when it comes to
education was such a triumph.
That it served in the propaganda
war with Russia was incidental—
though helpful. That it helped in
the onward march toward the
achievement of Christ's goal was
all-important.

So, very slowly, we have made
progress in the 2,000-year struggle
toward the Sermon on the Mount.

Three Masses at St. Mary's On Christmas

Father T. G. Bruns, pastor of St.
Mary's church here in Harrisburg,
announced today that there will be
three Masses in the church on
Christmas.

The first Mass will be a High
Mass at midnight on Christmas
Eve. This will be the grand Mass
of Christmas celebrating the Birth
of Christ. The adult choir under
the direction of Mrs. Lena Kezely
will sing Christmas hymns before
the Mass begins, and during the
Mass they will sing the Mass, "In
Honor of the Child Jesus," written
by J. Alfred Schehl. Mrs. Marie
Koester will play the organ at this
service.

The second Mass celebrating the
arrival of the shepherds at the
stable in Bethlehem will be held at
7 a. m. The school children under
the direction of Mrs. John Molinaro
will sing traditional Christmas
hymns during this Mass.

The third Mass of the day cele-
brating the manifestation of
Christ to all men will be held at
9 o'clock.

Father Bruns announced that ev-
eryone is welcome to attend the
Christmas services and to visit the
church which has been decorated
beautifully for the Christmas sea-
son.

Christmas is, Above All, A Thing of the Inner Spirit

Editorial by Bruce Blossat

Anyone who walks the streets of an American city in the
Christmas season can feel the spirit of the time, and be lifted
up. In that sense, Christmas can be an experience that a man
enjoys with all of his fellow men.

But the fullest rewards of the Christmas spirit come to a
man within the bosom of his own family. Here the warm glow
of human affection is felt daily, and Christmas comes simply
as a heightening of that steady feeling.

Yet the heightening of spirit is important. Men need to
have their spiritual aspect made tangible now and then. It is
good for them to see their ideals of living laid out before them
as shining symbols.

That is what Christmas can do for anyone.

It gilds life with ceremony. So do other special days, but
they are not days given over, as is Christmas, to the richest
expressions of love and brotherhood.

It touches men with magic and make-believe. Mostly it
is felt in the gleaming incarnation of the day—the Christmas
tree. Shining and deep reds, blues, greens and golds, lightly
dusted with tinsel and silver, give substance to the best imagin-
ings and the indelible innocence of youth. They speak of a
world in which good cannot be wholly and forever corrupted,
even in the darkest places.

The magic is felt, too, because Christmas is a day of dreams
come true. Gifts longed for suddenly are there, before your
eyes, wrapped in the same rich colors of the day.

The material gain is not the thing. The real gain is know-
ing someone understands you enough and cares enough to
make your dreams realities. With this comfort and assurance,
you may kindle bigger hopes and spin larger dreams of a sort
to be fulfilled outside the family boundaries.

No one may say there is no Christmas if there is no tree,
if there are no gifts, if there is no ceremony. For Christmas is
first a thing of the inner spirit.

But the ceremony and the magic are good to have. Their
brightness is a part of life. True, it reflects an inner fire. But
that fire should not always be held inside. Christmas is the
time it was meant to spring to the surface, to light up the
tangible expressions of human affection.

Christmas Party by Bona Fide Federated Women's Club

The Bona Fide Federated Wom-
en's club held its Christmas pot-
luck Tuesday at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. Wyatt Lowe, with the
president, Mrs. Verda North, pre-
siding.

The meeting opened with singing
of "Silent Night." Scripture and
prayer was led by Mrs. Ora Allen
and the meeting was closed by
singing "Away In a Manger."

The group enjoyed a potluck sup-
per which was served buffet style.
Gifts were exchanged from beneath
a beautifully decorated Christmas
tree.

Those present were Mrs. Verda
North, Mrs. Edna Fryson, Mrs.
Lydia White, Mrs. Mable Rawl-
ings, Mrs. Effie Lewis, Mrs. Helen

Williams, Mrs. Almeda Mason,
Mrs. Ruby Jones, Mrs. Lela Gar-
nett, Mrs. Nellie Adams, Mrs. Wil-
lie Lowe, Mrs. Ora Allen, Mrs.
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Social and Personal Items

Delta Alpha Chapter Holds Pledge Service And Christmas Party

The Delta Alpha chapter of Delta Theta Tau held its Christmas party and pledge service Monday evening, Dec. 20.

The members, pledges and patronesses met at the beautifully decorated home of Mrs. Nelson Pankey where they were served holiday punch.

From Mrs. Pankey's they went to Schriener's cafe where they enjoyed a dinner party on the balcony. The tables were decorated in keeping with the Christmas spirit and miniature Christmas trees served as place cards and favors.

The pledge service was then held at the home of Mrs. Morris Skaggs. The service was conducted by the president, Mrs. John Humm, the pledge supervisor, Mrs. Arthur Anderson, and the chaplain, Mrs. Sam Leberman. Pledges were Mrs. C. R. Jelliffe, Mrs. Frank Parker Jr., Mrs. Lymire Moore, Mrs. Leland Cutting and Mrs. Jim Sullivan.

After an impressive ceremony "Santa Claus" distributed gifts from beneath a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. At this time the girls revealed their Delt pals, and new names were drawn for the coming year.

Hostesses were Mrs. Morris Skaggs, Mrs. Bill Adams, Mrs. Bill Tom Rees, Mrs. Nelson Pankey. Attending were Miss Shirley Gaskins, also a pledge, Miss Barbara Thompson, Mrs. Arthur Anderson, Mrs. Jewell D. Barter, Mrs. Tom Endicott, Mrs. Ronald Darnell, Mrs. Tom Fife, Mrs. John Foster, Mrs. Bert Gaskins, Mrs. John Humm, Mrs. Sam Leberman, Mrs. Kenneth Ozmert, Mrs. Don Raymer, Mrs. Robert Rushing, Mrs. John Slightom, Mrs. Pat Sullivan, Mrs. John VanderPluym, Mrs. Ronnie Ziegler, and the pledges, Mrs. Jelliffe, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Cutting and Mrs. Sullivan, and especially invited guests patronesses, Mrs. Joe Hill and Mrs. J. V. Capel. Mrs. Roy Seright, also a sponsor, was unable to be present.

Mrs. Skaggs served dainty Christmas cookies and Cokes as a refreshment.

Pauline Moore Circle Has Christmas Party

The members of the Pauline Moore circle of the First Baptist church met Tuesday evening in the dining room of the educational building for a Christmas party and regular program.

Following a delicious potluck supper served on a table beautifully decorated in keeping with the Christmas spirit the program, under the direction of the program chairman, Mrs. Charles Swaney, was opened with the song "Joy to the World." Mrs. Swaney then read the Bible scriptures after which the topic, "How Far to Bethlehem" was given by Mrs. James Sowers.

Miss Barbara Fearheiley gave "The Lost Road to Bethlehem." Mrs. Ron Ziegler talked on "Christmas in the Home," and Mrs. D. H. Hiller gave the topic "Seeking the Road Back."

Following prayer by Mrs. Hiller the group joined hands and recited "The Lord's Prayer" in unison. The meeting closed with the singing of "Oh Come All Ye Faithful." The program took place before a table centered with an open Bible and a large white candle.

Gifts were exchanged and a lovely rose corsage was presented to the leader, Mrs. Hiller. Gifts were also brought to be taken to the mission.

The following were present: Mrs. Charles Swaney, Miss Barbara Fearheiley, Mrs. Glen Gibbs, Mrs. Harold Potter, Miss Marcustine Miller, Mrs. Donald Hughes, Mrs. Ron Ziegler, Mrs. James Sowers and Mrs. Hiller.

Mrs. Gladys Gwinn Hostess To Val-U Shop Employees

Mrs. Gladys Gwinn was hostess Monday evening to the employees of the Val-U dress shop for the annual Christmas party.

The evening was spent in playing games, and David Moake was the recipient of the door prize. Mrs. Gwinn, manager of the store, was presented a lovely gift of jewelry, and she in turn gave each employee a pair of earrings.

Gifts were exchanged and delicious refreshments of fruited jello, cake and coffee were served by the hostess to Mrs. Freda Moake, Mrs. Josephine Tonazzi, Mrs. Mamie Stump, Mrs. Agnes Schneider, Mrs. Sue Swim, David Moake, Carol Gwinn and the hostess, Mrs. Gwinn.

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American Legion Past Presidents Have Party

The past presidents of the American Legion Auxiliary held their Christmas party Tuesday evening.

The members met on the balcony of Schriener's cafe for a dinner party after which they went to the beautifully decorated home of Mrs. Trafton Dennis.

Mrs. Dennis' small daughter played Christmas carols on the piano preceding the devotion on "Lanterns of Light" by Mrs. C. W. Whitley who told of women shedding light among mankind, one of whom was Mary, mother of Jesus. She closed with a lovely prayer.

Gifts were then exchanged and Mrs. Dennis served cranberry sherbet punch with delicious homemade cookies.

The guests departed with a joyous spirit of Christmas. Present were Mrs. C. W. Whitley, Mrs. J. Arthur Moore, Mrs. Freda Keltner, Mrs. Ernest Cozart, Mrs. Harry Barter, Mrs. C. E. Wing, Mrs. W. W. Wheatley, Mrs. Kenneth O'Neil, Mrs. John Schwartz, Mrs. Paul Golish, president of the auxiliary who was an especially invited guest, and the hostess, Mrs. Dennis.

McKinley Baptist 13 Year Old Girls Have Party

The 13 year old girls' class of the McKinley Avenue Baptist church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Merrow whose daughter, Susan, is a member of the class.

The house was beautifully decorated in keeping with the Christmas theme. The devotion was given by Donna Hetterscheldt. Following a short business meeting games were enjoyed by all.

Refreshments of cake and punch were served by candlelight to the following: Judy Lane, Linda Barger, Regina Rice, Donna Chase, Rita Blackman, Betty Swan, Lynda Lyons, Donna Hetterscheldt, and the teacher, Mrs. Clarence Vaughn, and the hostess.

Patricia Merrow Hostess To Willing Workers Class

The 11 year old girls in the Willing Workers class of the McKinley Avenue Baptist church met recently at the home of Patricia Merrow. Games were played and prizes won by Jackie Vaughn, Linda Vaughn and Susan Alexander.

The teacher, Mrs. Darrol Crabb, told the Christmas Story for the devotion. From a hostess cart in the living room refreshments of date nut cake topped with whipped cream and minted cherries, Christmas tree cookies as favors and punch with green ice cubes were served to those mentioned and to Helen Sue Aldridge and Mary Sheldon.

Calendar Of Meetings

Pride of Midway Lodge No. 879 will hold regular meeting Monday at 7:30 p. m. Members are reminded of the shower for Donald Jenkins. Anna Lou Sowers, N. G.

There will be a regular meeting of IOOF lodge No. 386 Monday at 7:30 p. m. with initiatory degree. James Suver, N. G.

Notice Masons: Special meeting of Blazing Star Lodge No. 458 Sunday at 1 p. m. to attend funeral of Brother Fred H. Wasson. Cleo Holmes, W. M.

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FRIDAY
5:40—Information Bureau
5:55—Weather Vane
6:00—Cactus Pete
6:30—Lucky LeRoy Show
6:45—Front Page
7:00—Ray Bolger Show
7:30—The Vise
8:00—Country Carnival
8:30—Santa Claus, Ind. film.
8:45—Western Playhouse
9:45—Four Star Final
10:00—Family Playhouse
11:00—Sign Off

SATURDAY A. M.
10:15—Sign On.
10:34—Foreign Correspondent.
12:59—Red Stallion.

SATURDAY P. M.
2:40—Long Voyage Home.
4:16—Elephant Boy.
5:40—Information Bureau
6:00—Cactus Pete
6:30—Lucky LeRoy Show
6:45—Front Page
7:00—Range Rider
7:30—Dollar-A-Second
8:00—Christopher Special Christmas Show
8:30—Sports By-Line
8:45—Wrestling
9:45—Final Edition
10:00—B-Hive Show
12:00—Sign Off

SUNDAY—P. M.
2:30—Faith For Today
3:00—The Big Picture
3:30—This Is the Life
4:00—Soldier Parade
4:30—Sunday Theatre
5:30—Mark Saber
6:00—You Asked For It
6:30—The Christopher Show
6:45—Sports Show.
7:00—Orient Express
7:30—Pepsi Cola Playhouse
8:00—Life With Elizabeth
8:30—Organ Melodies
8:45—Hollywood on the Line
9:00—Break The Bank
9:30—What's Your Trouble
9:45—Sunday News Final
10:00—Family Playhouse
11:00—Sign Off

Out-of-Town Relatives Attend Funeral Of Arthur Hancock

Out-of-town relatives here for the funeral of Arthur Hancock, who died Monday in the veterans hospital at St. Louis, included the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oakley, Paducah, Ky.; Miss Betty Hancock, Garden City, Mich.; Mrs. Mabel Empson, Oxford, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hancock, Anna; Dr. Steve Hancock, Rosiclar, and Mrs. Ethel Hancock, Battle Creek, Mich.

Mr. Hancock is survived by a number of relatives, including a brother, Paul of Marion.

Funeral service was held Wednesday at the McKinley Avenue Baptist church, with burial in Sunset Gardens.

Boil clothespins for a few minutes in salt water to toughen them against splitting and keep them from freezing to wet clothes.

Live Christmas Gifts Are Available At Humane Shelter

Some real live Christmas packages are available, even at this late date.

They are dogs and puppies at the Harrisburg Humane shelter, some real nice ones, who would like to be Christmas presents to somebody who wants them and would take care of them.

The shelter, across from the fair grounds, has been brightly decorated to provide the proper setting for the live presents.

There's a big Christmas tree with Santa Claus, angel and other objects, spotlighted at night, a small tree, and evergreen wreaths on the pens.

Mrs. Lucille Kimbro, Arlington, Calif., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Brown, 101 East Lincoln street.

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Mt. Pleasant Baptist Missionary Society Has Christmas Party

Monday night was the scene for a pleasant and inspiring evening spent by the members of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Missionary society of which Mrs. Ruby Jones is president.

The occasion was the annual get together for the members at Christmas time. The deacons were also present.

Deacon Martin Anderson led in the opening song after which the pastor read Matthew 2:1-15. This was followed with prayer by Deacon David Woods. A spirited testimony period followed in which all the members participated.

Mrs. Ora Allen led the song, "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross," and she and Mrs. Myrtle Towles welcomed the new members and visitors. Mrs. Helen Williams sang "Heaven of Rest."

After a short talk by Rev. Hughes, the group sang "I Need Thee," with Mrs. Hughes at the piano.

The social hour followed during

which time the group enjoyed a covered dish luncheon.

The following were present: Deacons Woods, Rawlings and Anderson, Mesdames Adams, Jones, Barnhill, Hughes, Miller, Mayberry, Anderson, Towles, Allen, Houston, Mason, Williams, Woods, Rawlings, Fields, Canterbury, White, Lewis, Juanetta Fields, Miss Betty Daniels and Pastor Hughes.

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Card of Thanks
Our sincere thanks to everyone for the many cards, letters, flowers and words of sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Mrs. Alice Elliott of Alton, former resident of Saline-Gallatin counties. The Elliott families of Alton. Mrs. Sadie Hine, Harrisburg and Alton. Mrs. Frank Wallace and family, Carrier Mills, Rt. 1. *151-1

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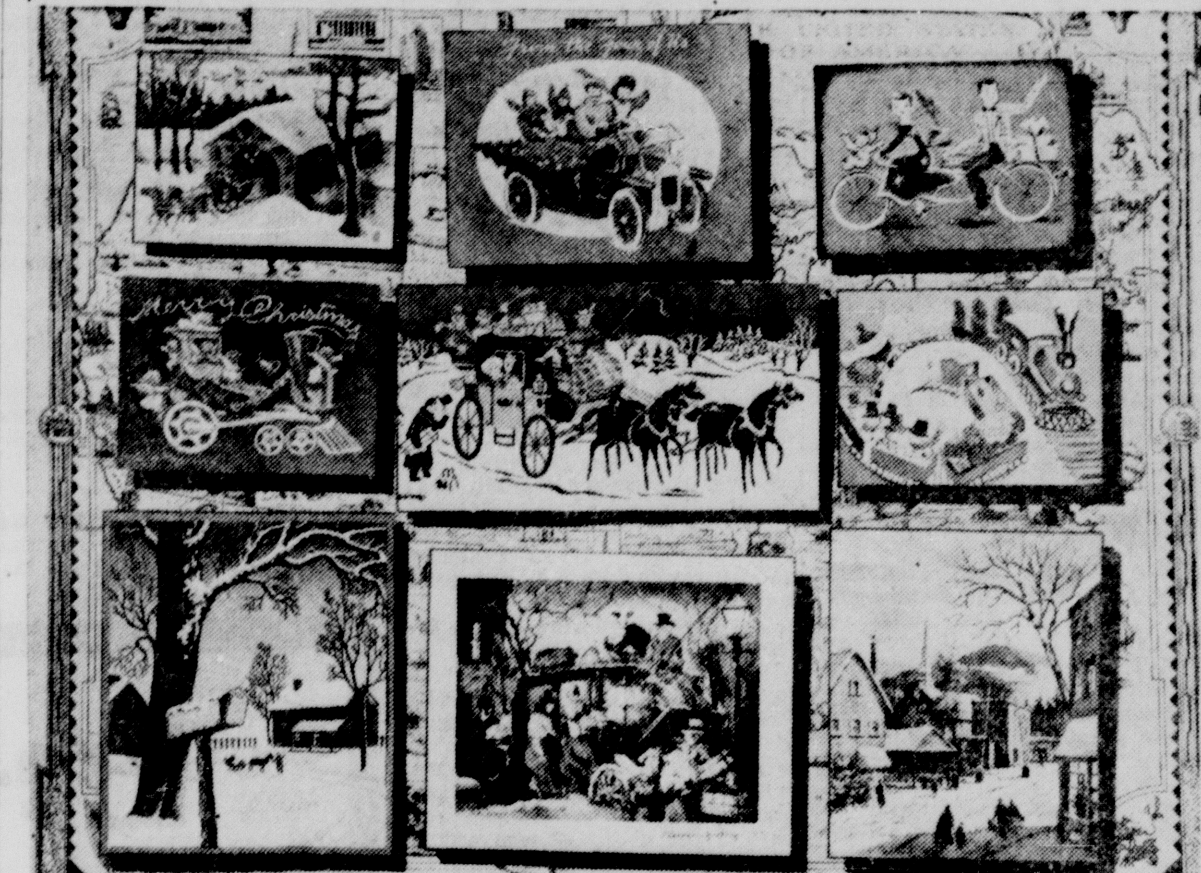
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Christmas Card Roads All Lead to Home



"Christmas comes to great and small . . . Happy the heart when it's shared with all."

Santa's legendary route leads from one happy home to another, and apparently the 1954 Christmas cards are following his example.

For thousands of colorful designs this year feature gay Yuletide travel scenes. Passengers step down from crowded stagecoaches. Snowy roads are wrinkled by sleigh tracks and car wheels. A train puffs its way into the village station.

People are pictured hurrying "home for Christmas" on everything from bicycles to snow shoes. All are carrying beribboned gift packages, and waving friendly greetings.

Even the new Christmas card verses are travel-minded. One that shows jolly St. Nick studying a map chuckles:

Hope Santa takes
The shortest cut
To bring you joy
And nothing but!

Another explains its part in the Christmas card parade like this:

Bringing a wish that
Christmas Day is just
As nice in every way
As a ride in a
One-horse open sleigh!

This year, however, marks the first time that more Christmas cards picture trains than sleighs or stagecoaches, the traditional favorites. One unusual design even shows the "Best Friend of Charleston," an old-fashioned steam engine with windowless coaches, making its first trip on Christmas Day, 1830.

Autos are popular, too, but mostly on the novelty cards. Open

one titled "Merry Christmas to My Husband," and a cut-out convertible of ancient vintage bounces about on a hidden spring. Its greeting wishes "the best of brakes all year" for "a guy who's just my speed."

Airplanes are as scarce as flying saucers. But the Christmas card skies are filled with cherubs riding peppermint candy canes, or floating along on clouds. One design actually features a magic carpet, from which a trio of merry minstrels are playing Christmas carols. While Santa Claus himself takes off in a space ship on a card that says:

Whenever Santa wants to
Make a very special trip,
He lets the reindeer
Take a rest and
Boards a rocket ship!

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Page Four
Friday, December 24, 1954

Even Mere Man
Can Wrap Gifts
To Queen's Taste

By MARGARET RICHARDS
United Press Staff Correspondent

KANSAS CITY — In most households it's the woman who wraps the Christmas gifts, but mere man, even if he's all thumbs, can tie an eye-catching package if he wants to.

And one expert who knows exactly how it's done thinks he should. He can save money by glamorizing less expensive gifts. The man who wraps a \$1,000 diamond bracelet as if it were a pair of work gloves isn't half the hero he might be with a pair of \$5 ny-lons done up impressively.

So says Kaye King, a professional gift wrapping designer for Hallmark. She says that women have as much respect for a beautiful package as they do for its contents.

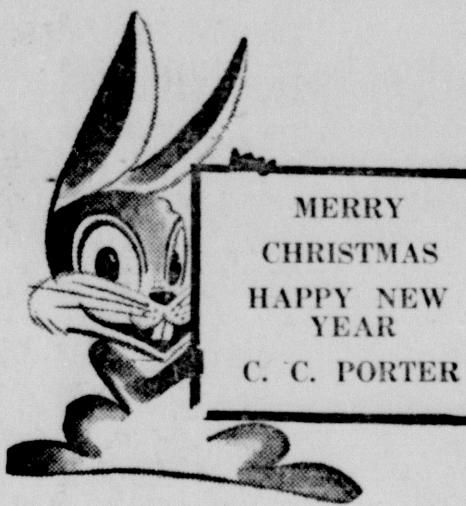
How To Do It
"Men actually can wrap gifts just as well as women," the stylist said.

So, fellows, herewith some of her tips:

Key your gift wrapping to the personality of the recipient and the gift itself. If she is addicted to frills and fluffs, select a gift paper with a truly feminine design.

A gift for a woman who leans toward tailored clothes should be wrapped accordingly. Choose a paper with clean-cut, stylish lines.

A rule-of-thumb is to relate size of the paper design to size of package.



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Idea for Amy

By Leslie Turner



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Hold It!

By V. T. HAMLIN



LITTLE LIZ



There are two ways to keep from
paying alimony—stay single or
stay married.

Average daily consumption of
water in the United States is about
100 gallons per person.

Madness In The Spring

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A week later, Philip Kirby, the well-known figure of radio, suffering from shock and amnesia, had regained his memory, after two weeks for which he could not account. He had turned up in Dead Man's Gulch and his first action had been to provide for life for the widow of the dead actor.

There were news pictures of Mrs. Perkins reading a telegram from Kirby; interviews with Kirby's public relations man, telling about his vast, unknown charities; accounts of Kirby's successful career and his immense popularity; an editorial on the genuine humility of the man which had led him to acknowledge his mistake and rectify it as far as possible.

Daggett viewed the mounting pile of clippings with awe. "And now we strike while the iron is hot. We announce the restoration of Dead Man's Gulch and give the date of the Grand Opening." He turned to Greg who, with Hannah, had been looking over the news stories. "It's high time your stepfather came into the picture, Greg."

"Yeah," Greg sat brooding, lighting cigarettes and stamping them out unsmoked. Everything was well as long as Crain kept out of the picture. But the moment he came into it, Greg had to see himself through his stepfather's eyes as the guy who couldn't stick to his job, who went Skylarking Around the Country, who didn't Measure Up.

He went out of the room without a word. From the window Daggett saw him take the road that led around the bluff.

"It won't work, Uncle Wade," Hannah said at length. "Greg is afraid of his stepfather."

The old man shook his head. He's afraid of himself. He's afraid to take a chance on himself and Crain symbolizes all the things he fears.

"I guess," Hannah said, "we're all running away. Greg because he is afraid to be himself; Rupert because he gets driven on; Mr. Kirby because he doesn't want to face his punishment; me—because I'm afraid to be alone, afraid not to be loved."

"You've left someone out," he reminded her. "You'd better add: Wade Daggett, who is afraid to die."

Hannah lifted her head to find his bright eyes smiling at her. "It's terrible to love anyone the way I do Greg," she said simply. "If he cut himself I think I would bleed." She pushed back the lock of fair hair that had fallen over her face. "What should I do?" she demanded fiercely. "How can I make him know that I'm around and I'm a woman and—I'm nice?"

"Well, now, I have one or two ideas."

"My darling boy," Millicent Crain said over the telephone, "of course you are to come to dinner. You never need ask. Where I am is always your home." After a pause she said hesitantly, "Horace is very fond of you."

Horace was gracious but wary and inclined to be heavily humor-

ous about Greg Scampering Around the Country. The chance to speak with Greg alone came after dinner.

"I take it," Crain said, "that you have given up the cross-country trip with this man Daggett. Find you didn't like it any better than the other job?"

"Not at all. It's going full steam ahead. I just came East on a little business."

"Tired of this trip of yours?" Crain asked.

"I've been having the time of my life," Greg replied and realized that this was an evasion, not a complete answer.

Perhaps the trip east had been unsettling; somehow it afforded him another perspective.

Crain cleared his throat. "For my wife's sake, I have given you a home, a sound education and opportunities not only to meet influential people but to get a start in life. You seem to have thrown them away. Bluntly, you have been a disappointment to us both."

Greg was aware that he was trembling as he had always trembled in his stepfather's presence. "I'm sorry I couldn't be the kind of person you wanted."

"I suppose you have run out of money."

"No, sir. I don't need anything. And I won't make any future demands on you."

Crain's fingers drummed on the table. "What about this man, Wade Daggett? Do you see any future in Playing Truant from Responsibility as you are doing?"

"I've taken on more responsibility in the past three months than I've ever had in my life. As for Mr. Daggett, he's just about the salt of the earth, that's all."

Crain poured himself a discreet glass of Benedictine. It was, his physician had assured him, admirable as a digestive. "But where are you heading?"

Greg's hands stopped trembling as he grew angry. "Have you ever heard of Dead Man's Gulch?"

"The ghost town that is being restored? Yes, I keep up on current events."

"We are the ones who are opening it up."

"What's the idea—to get the tourist trade? Rather a gamble, isn't it?"

"Only way not to make a mistake," Greg quoted Daggett, "is to be dead. Actually, all I had in mind in the beginning—" he did not observe Crain's surprise—"was the old man. He was born out there and he had his heart set on going back. It meant a lot to him. All I figured on—" Greg fumbled for words—"was to keep him from having too big a disappointment."

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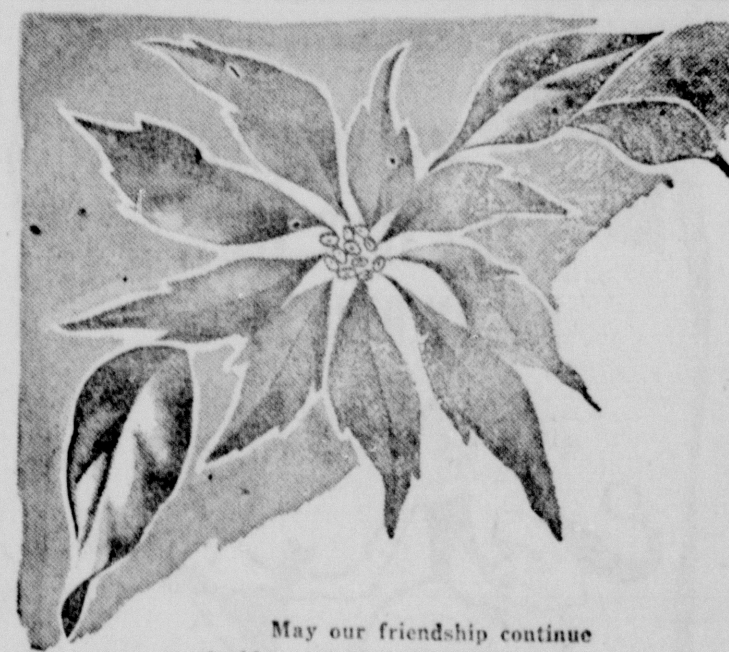
Oysters bred for special characteristics, as cattle, hogs and horses are bred, now are believed possible. Oysters that grow rapidly and reach maturity a year or two earlier than the average commercial oyster is one possibility and oysters bred to resist disease are another.

White Head
Feathers of the head and neck of the bald eagle become pure white at the age of three years and always remain so. "Bald" in its name is from a middle English word meaning "white."

Fifth Capitol
Nebraska's present capitol is the fifth to be erected by that state. Base of the present building is 437 feet square and two stories high, with the tower rising 400 feet above the base.

Tradition says the Bayeux tapestry was made by the wife of William the Conqueror.

Willie Shoemaker, who set a new record with 485 winning races, was the winningest jockey of 1953.



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MOSCOW (AP) — Moscow newspapers today reported the execution by a firing squad of four associates of the late Secret Police Chief Lavrenti P. Beria for crimes against the state.

Two other conspirators were sentenced to long prison terms at hard labor.

Izvestia, government newspaper, said execution sentences had been carried out against Viktor S. Abakumov, former minister of state security of the Soviet Union; A. G. Leonov, former chief of the ministry's Investigative Department; and V. I. Komorov and M. T. Likhachev, Leonov's deputies.

I. A. Chernov and Y. M. Broverman, ministry employees, were sentenced to 15 to 25 years' imprisonment, respectively.

Izvestia's announcement of the execution came one year and one day after it was made known that Beria had paid with his life for his crimes as an enemy of state.

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Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; William Haney, superintendent.
Worship service 10:45 a. m. and 7 p. m. first and third Sunday.

Church of Christ
W. B. Freeman, minister
Bible study 10 a. m.
Worship and communion service 10:45 a. m.
Evening service 7.
Radio broadcast Monday through Friday 8:30 to 8:45 a. m.
Midweek prayer service Thursday 7 p. m.

Galatia Baptist
Merle McDonough, pastor
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Philip Parks, superintendent.
Morning worship 10:45.
Training Union 6 p. m.
Evangelistic service 7 p. m.

Prayer service Wednesday 7 p. m.

St. Mary's Catholic
Rev. T. G. Bruns, pastor
Sunday Masses 8 and 10 a. m.
Weekday Masses 7 a. m.
Saturday Mass 8 a. m.
First Friday Mass 7 a. m.
Confessions Saturday 4 to 5 p. m. and 7 to 7:30 p. m.

The Church of God of Prophecy
Carl A. Wallace, pastor
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.
Preaching 11 a. m.
Evangelistic service 7 p. m.
Women's Missionary Band Wednesday 7 p. m.
Young people's V. L. B. service Friday 7 p. m.

Wasson Social Brethren
Rev. Albert Groves, pastor
Sunday school 10 a. m.; Mrs. Timmie Groves, superintendent.
Preaching service second and fourth Saturday 7 p. m., Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

Equality Social Brethren
L. L. Gullett, minister
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Clarence Colbert, superintendent.
Worship service first and third Sunday 10:45 a. m. and 7 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

Dorrisville Social Brethren
Tommy Guest, pastor
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Cloyd Simpson, superintendent.
Morning worship 10:40.
Evening service 7.
Brotherhood Tuesday 7 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.
Young people's meeting Thursday 6:30 p. m.

Rudement Social Brethren
Earl Vaughn, minister
Sunday school 10 a. m.; Raymond Lambert, superintendent.
Preaching service 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. each Sunday except fifth Sunday.
Young people's meeting Sunday 6 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

Carrier Mills Methodist
H. R. Herrin, minister
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Garfield Thomas, superintendent.
Morning worship 10:30.
At. Y. F. 6 p. m.
Evening evangelistic service 7.
Midweek service Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

Walnut Grove Baptist
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Sunday school 10 a. m.; Tom Easley, superintendent.
Preaching service 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. every Sunday except fifth Sunday.

North America Baptist
James R. Upchurch, pastor
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; Dewey Dallas, superintendent.
Morning worship 10:45.
Evening worship 7.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

Raleigh Baptist
H. T. Taylor, pastor
Sunday school 10 a. m.; Robert Mings, superintendent.
Preaching service 11 a. m.
Training Union 6 p. m.
Prayer service Wednesday 7 p. m.

Dorrisville Baptist
Wm. B. Fuson, pastor
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.
Morning worship 10:30.
Training Union 6 p. m.
Evening worship 7.
Officers and teachers' meeting Wednesday 6:15 p. m.
Mid-week prayer and praise Wednesday 7 p. m.
Choir rehearsal Friday 6:30 p. m.

Saline Ridge Baptist
John Wayne Aldridge, pastor
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Harry Harper, superintendent.
Worship service 10:30 a. m.
Worship service 7 p. m.
Prayer service Wednesday 7 p. m.

Calvary Tabernacle
415 South Mill Street
Lloyd H. Aud, pastor
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship 10:45.
Evangelistic service 7 p. m.
Midweek prayer service Wednesday 7 p. m.

Eldorado Bethel Pentecostal
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day 10:30 a. m.
Service Sunday 7 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.
Morning worship 11.
Evening service 7:15.
Prayer meeting Thursday 7:15 p. m.

St. Moriah Methodist
Irvin Braden, pastor
Sunday school 10 a. m.; David Lewis, superintendent.
Worship first and third Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
Methodist Youth Fellowship 7 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

Pankeyville Baptist
Ray Daniels, pastor
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Kallie Sadler, superintendent.
Morning worship 10:30.
Training Union 6:30 p. m.; Bill Ritsch, director.
Evening worship 7:30.
Prayer service Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

First Apostolic
Rosiclare
Rev. Louie Durfee, pastor
Sunday school 10 a. m.
Morning worship 11.
Evangelistic service 7 p. m.
Prayer meeting Saturday 7 p. m.
"Little Old Fashioned Church of the Air" Wednesday 3 p. m. over WEBQ.

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Stonefort General Baptist
Rev. Vernon Buchanan, pastor
Preaching service Saturday 7 p. m.
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.
Preaching service Sunday morning and Sunday 7 p. m.
Prayer meeting Thursday 7 p. m.

Union Chapel
Cumberland Presbyterian
Vola L. Sittig, minister
Sunday school 10 a. m.; Paul Holland, superintendent.
Morning worship 11.
Christian Endeavor 7:30 p. m.
Evening worship 8.
Midweek prayer service Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

Another Leftover Hint
NE WYORK — IP — Combining the cookbooks for turkey leftover ideas? Here's one which is excellent for brunch, lunch or supper: Mix 1 cup finely diced cooked turkey, 1 small onion (grated), and 1/2 teaspoon of thyme into your standard pancake mix batter. Serve in stacks of two or three with hot cranberry sauce between each pancake.

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THE ELDORADO EAGLES—TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS—Captain Keith Whittier and Ronnie Clark proudly hold the trophy won by the Eldorado eagles by defeating Metropolis in the title game at Eldorado last night. The trophy was presented by W. A. Knoop, Eldorado high school principal. Kneeling, left to right, Jim Lyon, Ron Clark, Keith Whittier, Bob Laffoon and Roscoe Woods; standing, left to right, Mr. Knoop, Lindell Lovellette, Jerry Chandler, (back of Lovellette), Frank Willis, Ronnie Stroke, Bill Putnam, Ed Lissak, Coach Al Adams and Bob Watson.

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Looking At Sports

By BILL MELTON

No tournament can be called "history" until an all-star team is picked; so here goes with the star-studded squad from the players participating in the four-team tournament concluded at Eldorado last night.

Three newspaper guys that covered all sessions of the meet — Hank Hank of the Cairo Evening Citizen, Bill Searles of the Eldorado Journal and yours truly, Bill Melton of The Daily Register got together and came up with a squad of 10 players—three from Eldorado, Metropolis, Anna and one from Cairo.

On our first five we have Dwight Barfield and Jerry Humes, center and guard respectively from Metropolis; Keith Whittier, Eldorado forward, and Harlan Coffman, Anna forward, and Don Marchildon, Cairo guard.

On the second team we placed Lindell Lovellette, Eldorado center, and Frank Willis, Eldorado guard; Ronald Bittle, Anna guard and Kenneth Jobe of Anna and Fred Gillespie, Metropolis, forwards. Think the last two are officially listed on their team rosters as guards, but we moved them around. They were too good to leave off and believe most coaches would find a place for them some place.

There it is! Three guys' opinion. Maybe many of those watching the tourney will disagree and come up with as good or better. However these ten boys were standouts during the two nights.

And basketball fans, don't forget the fifth annual Egyptian Basketball tourney that starts Monday night. Eight topnotch teams will get together at Davenport gymnasium, Harrisburg, with play scheduled for four nights. It should be a dandy—a tourney that will give every fan their "money's worth." See you there.

Here are the conference standings at the holiday period:

SOUTH SEVEN			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Centralia	4	0	1.000
West Frankfort	2	1	.667
Mt. Vernon	2	1	.667
Herrin	2	2	.500
Marion	2	3	.400
Benton	1	2	.333
Harrisburg	0	3	.000

GREATER EGYPTIAN			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Shawneetown	8	0	1.000
Vienna	6	2	.750
Cave-in-Rock	5	2	.714
Pope Co.	4	4	.500
Ridgway	2	4	.333
Equality	2	4	.333
Galatia	2	5	.286
Itasca	0	7	.000

The big sports treat for the holidays is the 5th annual Egyptian holiday tournament which commences in Harrisburg's Davenport gymnasium Monday night. And don't forget the "You Pick 'em" blank must be postmarked by Sunday if you've a yen to prognosticate the outcome.

And now, to all of you sports fans and followers, coaches and players, and fellow scribes, best of good wishes for a joyous Christmas. From the Register Sports Gang, CGS, JRS, Timmo, Bill and Ed.

Kid Gavilan's Manager to Sell Contract

NEW YORK (AP)—Manager Angel Lopez indicated today that his contract with former welterweight champion Kid Gavilan "will go to the highest bidder."

Conceding that the "Cuban Keed" and he have had a falling out, Lopez said: "I'll turn over his contract to someone else but only if my price is met."

Lopez said, "But I'm not going to give his contract to somebody as a Christmas present."

Lopez and Gavilan had a parting of the ways following the Cuban's loss to Johnny Saxton in Philadelphia on Oct. 21.

"He wanted to borrow some money from me," Lopez said. "Money to him is like tissue paper. I told him 'no.' Then he told me he was going to go to Cuba and find a new manager."



NOW AND THEN—Harry Wills, left, looks mighty fit at 62 and for a veteran of 379 fights in 16 years. At right, Wills is shown as he appeared 30 years ago campaigning for a match with Jack Dempsey which never materialized. Since retiring from the ring, the Black Panther has been a Harlem landlord. (NEA)

Reserved Seat Tickets On Sale For Tourney Here

HTHS Principal Raymond L. Foster today announced that reserved seat tickets to the Egyptian Holiday tournament to be held in Davenport gymnasium next week are on sale at the Athletic House.

Fans may purchase either season or single tickets at the Athletic House, he said. General admission tickets will be available only at the door.

The tournament will be held four nights, Monday through Thursday. Monday night will find Mt. Vernon playing Zeigler at 7 p. m. and Carrier Mills meeting West Frankfort at 8:30.

Tuesday night Edwardsville, the defending champion, and Murphysboro will tangle at 7 p. m. This tilt will be followed by Harrisburg-Carbondale.

Semi-finals will be held Wednesday night and the consolation and championship tilts Thursday night.

Strader Named Coach of '49'ers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Red Strader came back from the construction business today to take over the helm as head coach of the San Francisco Forty Niners.

Strader was appointed Thursday by owner Tony Morabito to succeed Buck Shaw, the veteran mentor who was fired Dec. 13 for "failure to win a championship."

All Shaw had done was finish second in six out of nine years, and Morabito is insisting on a title. "Strader has the inspirational leadership that should win a crown

Almost Bubonic plague, in the 14th century, came closer to exterminating the human race than any other scourge. More than 60 million persons are believed to have died of the disease.

Fibers manufactured from wood by pulp and paper mills of the south equal 24,000,000 bales of cotton.

The real name of Blackbeard, the pirate, was Captain Edward Teach.

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Willie Mays is Crowned League Slugging Champ

NEW YORK (AP)—Willie Mays of the Giants, the guy who got the most mileage out of his hits, was officially crowned the National league's slugging champion today for 1954.

The slugging title, not to be confused with the batting title which Willie also won with a mark of .345, is compiled on the basis of a player's total bases as compared with his official times at bat.

Mays had 377 total bases in 565 times up for a .667 figure. Duke Snider of Brooklyn had the most total bases, 378, but he was up 584 times and finished second in the slugging column with a .647 average.

Ted Kluszewski of Cincinnati was third with a .642 mark, followed by Stan Musial of the Cardinals with .607 and Eddie Mathews of the Braves with .603.

Snider struck out the most times, 96 while at the other extreme, outfielder Don Mueller of the Giants struck out the fewest times, 17.

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for us," said Morabito. "He is the man we feel is best qualified for the job."



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Anyhow, Merry Christmas!

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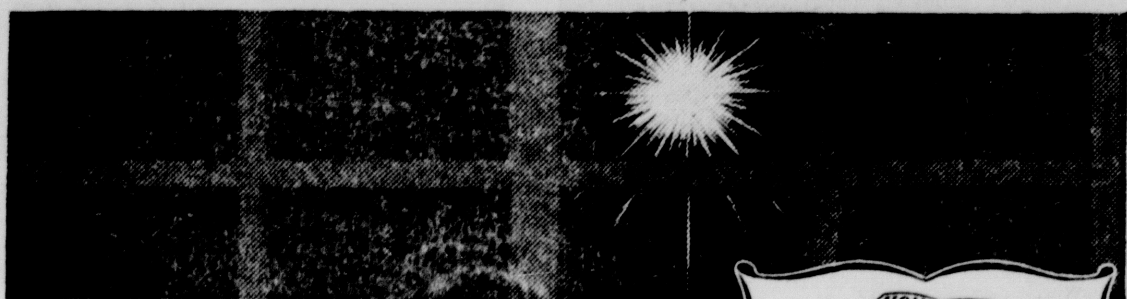
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But a brilliant new star shone above this humble birthplace, and those whose ears were attuned to the infinite heard an angel chorus singing "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men!"

It was the birthday of the Saviour.

This story has been told often, but it loses none of its charm in the telling. It grips men today as does no other human saga. For the birth at Bethlehem turned a new page in world history and gave new hope to mankind.

Throughout the civilized world today people are singing Christmas carols and repeating the drama of the Saviour's birth. Some day, when His spirit triumphs, men will turn from war and strife to the peace that comes from God.



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The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Luke	2	1-20
Monday	Luke	2	21-32
Tuesday	John	1	35-51
Wednesday	II Chronicles	6	18-21
Thursday	Isaiah	9	2-7
Friday	Isaiah	40	9-17
Saturday	Isaiah	55	1-13

Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. Archie E. Brown
Pastor First Baptist Church
Vandalia, Ill.

'What Is Your Life?'

Ecclesiastes 1:1-5:12

GOLDEN TEXT: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man." (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

INTRODUCTION: The old year is about gone, and the dawn of a new year approaches. This is the time of year when more good resolutions are made than in any other season. It is good always to resolve to do better. In fact, it is better to make a resolution and break it than never to make one at all. That is, if you sincerely try to keep the resolution.

At this particular season, it is well to think of the underlying principles of life. It is good to take inventory of ourselves and see if our lives are headed in the right direction. What are your goals and your ambitions?

The Book of Ecclesiastes is a good place to start studying. Be sure, however, that you understand what you read in this Book. Understand, for instance, that the man whose experiences are recorded therein is a man who is trying to live without God's help. He has wealth, power and social prestige, and yet, "all is vanity and vexation of spirit" (1:14).

I MAN'S LABOR IS NOT SUFFICIENT (Ecc. 1:2-3)

There are those who seemingly almost worship their jobs. There are men who are neglecting their wives and children by spending so much time with their labor. Many homes go on the rocks every year for this very reason. We heard of a man recently who had not kissed his wife for twenty years, but he killed another man who did. You smile at that, but there are many wives just that neglected, because their husbands are too busy with "making a living."

The man in this scripture here had come to that place, and he cried: "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." Labor is honorable, but it will not, by itself, bring happiness.

II MAN'S WISDOM WILL FAIL (1:13)

Learning is not enough. We urge

our children to "get an education."

We see young people and parents sacrifice for higher education. Many have degrees from colleges and universities, and yet, they are failures in life. Education is not sufficient within itself to make one successful.

III MAN'S PLEASURE FAILS (2:1)

Solomon had tried everything that might bring pleasure; yet he was miserable. There are countless millions of people today who are "burning the candle at both ends" in an effort to find pleasure. To them pleasure is momentary; it is fleeting. They have no real, abiding and lasting pleasure. Life to them is a mad whirl. If some old boy from ancient Babylon should come to life and make the round of night life in America today, he would no doubt stifle a yawn and say: "Shucks I saw all that five thousand years ago."

No, friend, worldly pleasure is not sufficient to make your happiness complete.

IV LIFE MUST END (2:18)

"You can't take it with you," someone has said. Rochester said that if Jack Benny could not take it with him, "he just wouldn't go." Well, yes, all of us will go, and we will leave labor, wealth, possessions, worldly pleasures and everything else behind.

V INJUSTICE IN THE WORLD (3:16; 4:1)

The key phrase in the Book of Ecclesiastes is: "Under the sun." This means, "in the world without God." Solomon looked about him and saw sin on every hand. He saw men cruel without God. Is this not true even today? Wherever you find men without God, you will find injustice and cruelty.

VI MAN'S POSSESSIONS FAIL (5:10-12)

My! how we wish that people today could realize the truth in the words of this scripture. Solomon saw it in his day. We see it today. People are mad over the making of money. Literally millions are selling themselves out cheap just so they can make more money. How foolish! Happiness in life is not found here.

CONCLUSION (12:1; 13:14)

Friend, what is the answer? Only God can satisfy. Jesus Christ alone can bring that "peace that passeth all understanding." What is your life? Take inventory now, and as you begin a new year, look to God for assistance. He stands ready to aid you all down life's pathway.

Gaskins City Baptist

Roy Reynolds, pastor

Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Weldon Tucker Jr., superintendent.

Preaching service 10:30 a. m.

Training Union 6 p. m.; Lonnie Reiner, director.

Preaching service 7 p. m.

Prayer service Wednesday 7 p. m.

McKinley Avenue Baptist

J. D. McCarty, pastor

9:30 a. m. Sunday school; Rufus Davidson, superintendent. 10:40 Morning worship. Message by the pastor, "The Second Mile."

6 p. m. Training Union; Grover Dale Fulkerson, director.

7 Evening worship. Message by the pastor, "The Crucified Christian."

Monday 7 p. m., Brotherhood meeting.

Wednesday 7 p. m., prayer service, followed by choir rehearsal.

ML Pleasant Baptist

W. H. Hughes, pastor

Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Mrs. Wyatt Lowe, superintendent.

Morning service 11.

Evening service 7.

Junior choir rehearsal Monday

6 p. m. Usher board meets 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Howard Jones.

Cordelia Williams circle meets Tuesday 1 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Towles.

Prayer service Wednesday 7 p. m.

Deacons' meeting Thursday 7 p. m.

Business meeting Friday 7 p. m. with watch service to follow.

Pastor's anniversary observance January 4-9.

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Rev. John Yuhus, pastor

Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Everett Cooper, superintendent.

Morning worship 10:45.

Christian Endeavor 6 p. m.

Evangelistic service 7 p. m.

Prayer meeting Tuesday 7 p. m.

Cottage prayer meeting Friday 7 p. m.

Free Pentecost

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Sam Ripperdan, minister

Service tonight at 7.

Sunday school 9:30 a. m.

Morning worship 11.

Evening worship 7.

Prayer meeting Thursday 7 p. m.

Stonefort Seventh Day Baptist

Carlos McSparrin, pastor

Group study hour Friday 7:30 p. m.

Sabbath school Saturday 10 a. m.

Worship service Saturday 11 a. m.

Church of God

515 South Land Street

Rev. J. Andrew Rafferty, pastor

Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Cecil Abney, superintendent.

Morning worship 10:45.

Evangelistic service 7 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

Young People's Endeavor Friday 7 p. m.; Burnett Brantley, president.

Eldorado Social Brethren

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Rev. Clifford Bennett, pastor

9:30 a. m. Sunday school; Harry Hedger, superintendent.

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6 p. m. Young people's meeting; Mary Goforth, leader.

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Wednesday 7:30 p. m., prayer service.

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East Gaskins Street

Elder L. Miller, pastor

Sunday school 10 a. m.; Mrs. Mae Brown, superintendent; Ulysses Sutton, teacher.

Morning worship 11.

Y.P.W.W. 6:30 p. m.

Evangelistic service 7:30 p. m.

Sunday, Tuesday and Friday.

Raleigh Methodist

Rev. Roy Hudson, pastor

Service first and third Sunday

10:30 a. m.

Prayer meeting Thursday 7 p. m.

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Muddy

Rev. T. B. Tanner, pastor

Sunday school 10 a. m.; Mrs. Anna Farkas, superintendent.

Morning worship 11.

Evening worship 7:30.

Midweek prayer service Thursday 7:30 p. m.

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Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Eugene Wallace, superintendent.

Morning service 10:45.

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Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Eugene McConnell, superintendent.

Worship each second and fourth Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

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Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; Guy Yates Jr., superintendent.

Morning worship 10:45.

Training Union 6 p. m.; Henry Maddox, director.

Evening service 7.

Brotherhood Tuesday 7 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

Bethel Baptist

Clyde Vinyard, pastor

Sunday school 10 a. m.; Norman Raymer, superintendent.

Preaching service 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. second and fourth Sundays.

Prayer service Saturday 7:30 p. m.

Ingram Hill Baptist

Rev. Donald Whitlock, pastor

Sunday school 9:30 a. m.

Morning worship 10:30.

Training Union 6 p. m.

Evening worship 7.

Midweek prayer service Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

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Since that time, this greatest of all events has completely overshadowed every historical event occurring on the same day. Ask anyone to tell you of something else in history that happened on December 25th other than the birth of Christ, and chances are they will give you a negative answer.

A few will remember that it was on this same date that George Washington crossed the Delaware. Only a true student of history will tell you that the date marks the birthday of Isaac Newton, Clara Barton and Frances Blake, among others.

Actually, the fact that Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas is all the average American should be expected to remember. But, it's interesting to note some of the other events that happened on the same day:

In 1837, the Battle of Okeechobee.

In 1941, Japanese captured Hong Kong.

In 1492, wreck of the Santa Maria, at Haiti.

In 1926, Hirohito became Emperor of Japan.

It was also on Christmas day, in 1947, that China's constitution was adopted and went into effect, making the date China's National Renaissance Day. And, Christmas is also the birthday of the town of Kelso, Washington, settled on Christmas day, 1847, by Peter W. Crawford.

**SANTA
COMES TO
AMERICA**



Just like most everyone else, Saint Nick prospered after he came to America.

In Europe, before he reached these shores, Saint Nick was a tall,

angular man who rode a bony gray mare. He hadn't been in America long, however, before he had a new name, a new face, figure and a new and better mode of transportation.

The early English settlers in this country started Santa's "new look" process. They adopted the legendary figure from the Dutch, but couldn't pronounce "Saint Nickolous." The best they could do was "Santa Kalouf," which was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

In 1809, Washington Irving in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," changed Santa's physical appearance by describing him as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge britches. He also taught St. Nick to smoke a pipe, and traded his hay burner for a wagon.

Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit From Saint Nicholas," went even further. He gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry and a round little belly.

Future writers may try to trade Prancer and Dancer off for a jet ship and trim down Santa's waist line. It will be a tough job, for, though he isn't streamlined, Santa pleases the young folks and that's mighty important.

'NIGHT BEFORE XMAS

Dr. Clement Clarke Moore was ashamed of his famous poem, "Night Before Christmas" and would not acknowledge that he wrote it for more than 20 years.

SANTA, INDIANA

The community of Santa Claus, Indiana owes its fame to its unusual name. At Christmas time its small post office is swamped with mail from throughout the world.



CITY STAR . . . A towering skyscraper is framed by a street light whose glow is much like the Star of Bethlehem.



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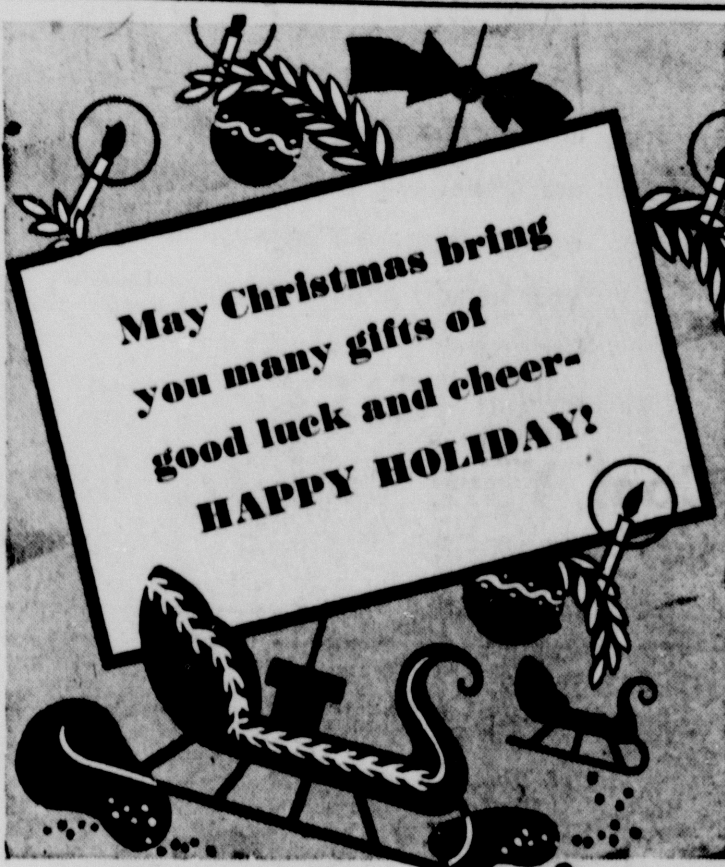
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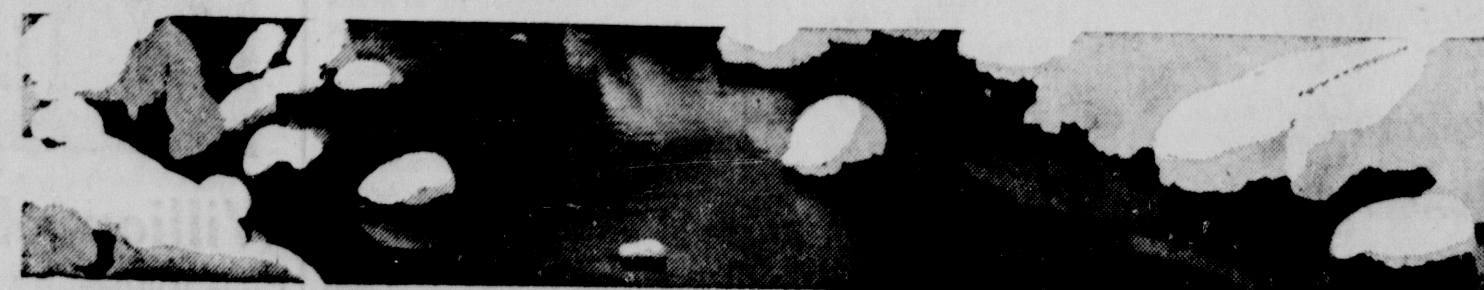


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By Don Wheeler

WE WERE in a dust covered box that sat in the corner of Mr. Barker's attic. All through the year no one ever bothered about us, but now, at Christmas time, we knew that once again we would be the center of attraction. Grumbling and grunting, Mr. Barker lifted our box into his arms and started down the attic stairs.

Being a rather plump fellow with a stomach that protruded so far he couldn't see his feet, he was, I regret to say, somewhat clumsy. About half way down the stairs he stumbled and our box went tumbling down the stairs. I was uninjured, but I'm afraid some of my friends suffered from the fall. A few minutes later we were all unpacked and laid on the huge dining room table.

"Well now, let's see, John," said Mrs. Barker. "We can use this string of lights, and this string and, oh! We don't want to use this old string again, John! They've been around here for years. Throw them out in the trash with these other things that were broken when you fell."

I was shocked! For years I had been used to decorate the Barker's Christmas tree, and now, simply because I was getting a little old, they were throwing me out! It is true that my popularity with the Barkers had declined through the years. When I was new I was used at the top, but each year



About halfway down the stairs he stumbled and our box went tumbling down the stairs.

I seemed to find myself placed lower and lower on the tree.

Unwanted Home

My friends, most of them broken in tiny pieces, and myself were cast upon the trash pile in the alley. I felt sorry for them. They had many years of use ahead of them had Mr. Barker been more careful, but now they could never be used again. But what of me? I wasn't broken; only a little old.

For two days I lay on the trash pile with my broken friends, and then, on the third day, a small child, who seemed to be searching the trash cans in the alley to see if he could find something of value, came upon me. With a cry of delight he gathered me into his tiny hands and scampered out of the alley and to the edge of the small town, where he lived in a broken down little old house.

How glad were his brothers and sisters when they saw me! That evening they trimmed their tiny tree. It was scarcely three feet tall, and I was the principle item of decoration. One of my lights was placed at the top of the tree and the rest were wound in and about from top to bottom. Then the tree was placed in the front window and for the first time in my life I was given the task of lighting an entire tree.

That evening it snowed and snowed and the wind whistled harshly about the corners of the house. I was glad that I was in a warm house instead of being on the trash pile in the alley.

A Visitor Comes

Suddenly there was a loud rap on the door. When Mr. Cullen opened it I heard a man's voice ask, "Have you seen the Granger boy?" He was out playing this afternoon and hasn't come home yet. We think he's become lost in the storm. The whole town is out looking for him. Would you like to help, Mr. Cullen?"

Mr. Cullen quickly put on his coat and scarf and followed the man into the dark cold night. They had been gone only about twenty minutes when again there was a knocking at the door. When Mrs. Cullen opened it, in stepped a tall man, carrying a boy in his arms. The boy's ears and nose were blue from the cold, and his teeth chattered.

"Mrs. Cullen," said the man, "this is Tommy Granger. I'd like to leave him here while I go tell his parents we've found him and send word to the others to stop searching. It's no wonder he was lost in a storm like this. I was almost lost myself until I saw the light from your tree in the window."

How proud I was when I heard those words. My lights seemed to brighten and shine as they had never done before; especially the one at the very top of the tree.

Restitution

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP)—Someone with a conscience sent a \$30 money order and this note to librarian Julian A. Sohon: "A long time ago I took or stole some books. Now I am paying you back what I think they were worth. The name used on the money order and return address is not my real name."



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Season Greenery Will Make Home Echo Xmas Spirit

Did you ever notice that the prettiest homes around the community at Christmas are the ones decorated liberally with the green things of the season? Their festive appearance is obtained easily with proper display of such things as evergreens, berries, seed pods, and pine cones.

These simple decorations are readily available to most everyone at no cost and to use an old expression: "The woods are full of them."

A trip into the country to gather them can also be turned into a pleasant excursion for the whole family and a brief rest period from the "getting ready" for Christmas company, parties, and holiday affairs.

One word of caution, however: Don't kill trees or bushes. Prune carefully when selecting your evergreens.

The Christmas tree—whether large or small—should be the center of the decorations. Place your tree in front of a window, so that its bright, cheerful glow can be seen from within and without. Decorate the tree with balls of red, silver, blue and green, strands of popcorn and various decorations that are saved from year to year.

Be sure to hang a rope of evergreens, a spray or wreath on your front door—these signify to many who pass your home that you are celebrating this joyous season.

A rope of evergreens requires approximately four or five yards of rope. The place you plan to use it will determine the exact length. Next, you'll need several short lengths of wire, short sprays of evergreen, balls, bows, red berries or bells. Place a bunch of evergreen against the rope and fasten

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Holiday Plants Need Special Care

Holiday plants require special care if they are to look their best. Just like human beings, they need bright light or sunlight, in the day and a proper amount of water.

Wilting, leaf yellowing and burning, leaf drop and premature loss of flowers can be caused by under-watering or over-watering plants. Thorough watering is important as soon as plants are dry, but avoid leaving plants standing in water. Puncture the tinfoil or heavy paper on pots at the drainage hole to provide necessary drainage.

Here are some further suggestions:

Lower the night temperature to prolong the life of blooms. Minimum night temperature for poinsettias and Christmas begonias should be 60 degrees. The desirable night temperatures for azaleas, Christmas cactus, chrysanthemums, cyclamen, Jerusalem cherry, Kalanchoe, ornamental peppers, potted bulbs and cut flowers are between 50 degrees and 60 degrees. High room temperatures hasten the maturity of flowers and shorten their life.

Avoid sudden temperature changes and drafts. Keep both plants and cut flowers away from radiators and heat registers and out of drafts. Poinsettias are especially sensitive to sudden temperature changes. They should never be left near a window sill as drafts will cause leaves to turn yellow and drop.

Italian children set out their shoes on the night of Jan. 5 to attract La Befana, an old woman who rides a broomstick. She brings ashes for the bad, gifts for the good.

The Arabian camel, or dromedary, has only one hump, but the bactrian camel of Asia has two.



May all the pleasures of CHRISTMAS last you through the entire year!

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Merry Christmas

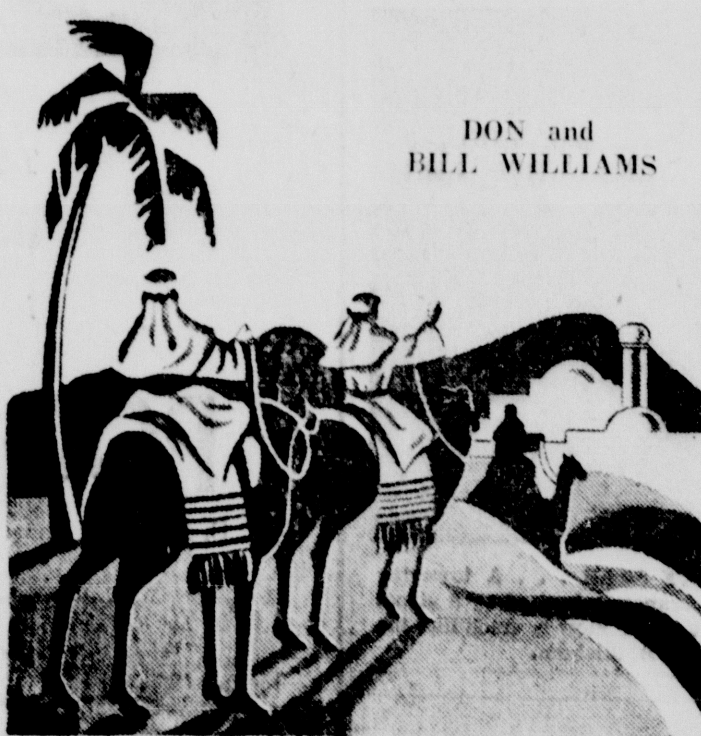
As the Three Wise Men sought

and found, so may all of our

friends find the greatest measure

of joy in this holy season....

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And, we add our greetings, too — to tell all our many friends — our good wishes for a very pleasant holiday!

In the joyous spirit of the season, we are grateful of the opportunity to again express our appreciation for your friendly patronage....

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Wishes to
Our Many
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Standard Service
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FREAK ACCIDENTS OF 1954:

Woman is Run Down by Car Piloted by Her Dog; Farmer Kicks Cow, Breaks Leg

CHICAGO — A woman in Washington, D. C., was run down by a car piloted by her cocker spaniel, a man in Kansas City was hit by a ton of bricks and an Illinois farmer was hurt kicking his cow.

These were among the freak accidents of 1954, compiled by the National Safety Council.

The Washington woman was

Italians Ignore Family Budget for Christmas Meal

ROME — The Italian housewife ignores the family budget when the Christmas season arrives.

No matter what her husband's income, high, medium or low, the holiday plan of each homemaker includes plenty of food on the table, presents for the family, and the traditional pine tree and oropesepe, a miniature reproduction of the crib in which Christ was born.

The crib, a typical Christmas feature was invented by St. Francis of Assisi centuries ago. The holiday fixin's are far more elaborate than most American homemakers will prepare. The Christmas menus of Mrs. Antonietta Lo Curzio, the wife of a car dealer, are typical. Mrs. Lo Curzio, an excellent cook, said Christmas lunch and dinner would cost about 12,000 lire — \$19.20.

Her menu for the Christmas eve dinner: assorted hors-d'oeuvres, including eggs, tuna fish; sardines; a kind of big eel called capitone, a fish which is a traditional Christmas dish; a mixed salad of cauliflower, fennel and apples; tortone, a marble-like candy made of sugar, almonds and distiches that makes American rock candy seem as soft as marshmallow; fruit; coffee.

Christmas day lunch, which according to the best Roman tradition is continued through the afternoon and until night to include dinner, will include hors-d'oeuvres, this time with ham and sliced sausage in addition to the previous menu: eapon broth with noodles (straciatella or agnolotti); fettucine all'uovo, another savory member of the wide variety of Italian pasta dishes; the roasted capon served with salad; tortone, panetone, cheese and fruit, all washed down with red and white wine.

Although gifts are exchanged at Christmas, the real day of presents for children is Epiphany Day, January 6. On the night before that day, Italian children are told, a benevolent gray-haired witch called Befana descends through chimneys to fill their stockings with gifts—or coal if they have been bad boys.

A Kick for a Kick

The farmer was Leslie Ertl, Pinckneyville, Ill. The cow kicked him, so he kicked the cow and broke a bone in his leg. The cow was unhurt.

At Anadarko, Okla., 10-year-old Billy Law slid into home plate and "blew up" when a roll of caps in his pocket exploded. The umpire ruled that Billy overshot the plate.

Four-year-old Judy Combs rolled off a fourth floor fire escape in Cincinnati, tumbled into a network of clotheslines and bounced back to the second floor of the fire escape.

Peter Passantino, 11, of Chicago, stuck his nose through a knot hole in a fence. A dog on the other side of the fence nipped the nose.

Mrs. Jessie Dugar, Houston, Tex., got so excited when two men started a fight in front of her home she swallowed her toothbrush.

Safety Begins at Home

Morgan Wallace, a circus daredevil, made 113 parachute jumps without a scratch. But he fell 18 inches from a ladder at his Pueblo, Colo., home and broke his foot.

Otto Erhard, stage director of the New York City Opera Co., literally fell down and went boom. He tumbled into the orchestra pit and landed on the kettle drum.

Two residents of Safe, Mo., were involved in an automobile accident. In San Francisco, Con Dempsey told a high school gym class that

Germans Will Feast on Pork And Wild Game

BAD NAUHEIM, Germany — The Karl Langsdorf family, like thousands of Germans, will feast on pork and wild game come Christmas.

"No turkey for us," said handsome Ely Langsdorf. "Turkey is too scarce and expensive."

The Langsdorfs and their three boys live in nearby Friedberg but always come to Bad Nauheim to celebrate with grandma, who has a comfortable flat in the resort town's residential section. In all, four generations are represented at the Langsdorfs' family Christmas.

Said Mrs. Langsdorf: "Grandma takes over, we all must leave for a while, and she gets the Christmas tree lighted up—we use genuine candles—and all the gifts beneath it."

"In Germany, we present our gifts on Christmas eve, so that the children have all Christmas Day to play."

"When everything is in its place, grandma rings a little bell, and in we march, the children first, of course, because they are the most impatient."

"Christmas is a day mostly for kids," she said, "so most of the money spent is spent on them. They get useful things like shoes and shirts, but there must also be toys, of course."

Mrs. Langsdorf, whose husband is a mechanic, said she spends 100 to 150 Deutschmarks — between \$24 and \$36—on Christmas gifts alone, most of them for the children.

"While the boys get ready to take their toys apart, grandma and I go into the kitchen to prepare the Holy Night dinner," she said. "My husband likes fried or broiled hare, rabbit, or deer. We serve potato balls and lettuce with the meat, and, of course, a heavy gravy."

"After dinner we just have a sweet pudding or fruits."

"Now Daddy comes in with the wine—and let me assure you, this is wine!"

"Grandfather is manager in a big wine cellar, and from the owner he always gets selected vintages for Christmas—as a gift."

Mistletoe Once Symbol Of Evil

The mistletoe, once a weapon of death, later became to be considered as a magical medicine, is now a universal symbol of love and peace.

It was with a mistletoe arrow (according to Norse mythology) that Loki killed Balder, the sun god, after Balder's mother had obtained a promise from all living things, other than the mistletoe, that they would not harm him. Balder was restored to life and it was ruled by the gods that the mistletoe would never again be used to do harm.

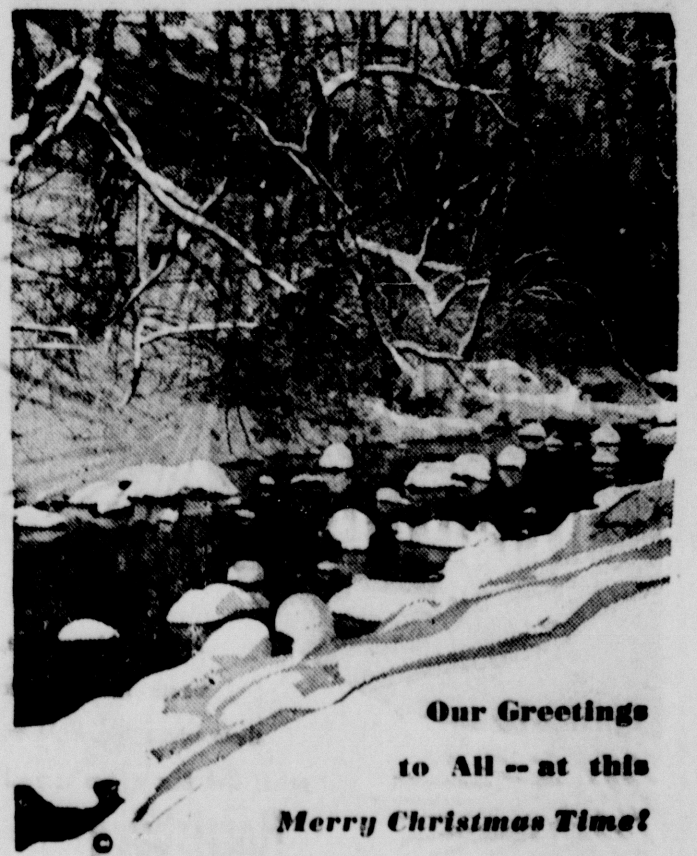
Ancient Europeans considered the mistletoe a magical medicine. They carried it about with them for health and luck, and believed it a cure for ulcers and epilepsy as well as a charm promoting fertility.

The present day custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe, although a relatively modern one, is derived from the fact that down through the centuries the mistletoe has been recognized throughout the whole world as a symbol of lasting peace.

"knowing how to jump and fall is very important." He stepped back, tripped on a mat and broke his arm.

W. L. Daniel Jr. stood beneath a safety plaque and listened to a safety talk in a Fort Worth, Tex., aircraft plant.

The plaque fell from the wall and hit him on the head.



Turner's Furniture Store

200 East Poplar



Greetings

May the serenity and happiness of the Joyous Christmas Season last you forever! This — is our good wish to our many loyal customers whom we have so enjoyed serving!

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PHONE 154



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throughout the year!...

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15 W. Elm



Merry Christmas

And greetings of the season! We hope that you and all of our loyal customers enjoy this wonderful Yule to the very utmost!

Crawford Feed Mill

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to wish you many
bright notes
of harmony and joy
this Holiday!

Muri's Cafe

420 S. Granger



Merry Christmas!



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1106 South Webster



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greetings

Now, at this gay time,
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those whose friendship we
prize: Our best wishes to you!

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Beauly Salon**
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Christmas Again!

Amid the bright excitement of the Holiday
preparations — we take this jump into your
Christmas Day and say "We hope that all of
you enjoy a bright and Merry Christmas!"

WOOLCOTT MILL
ROUTE 45 AND CHURCH STREET
HARRISBURG PHONE 156



Merry
Christmas
to All!

Each year we find our-
selves eagerly awaiting the Christmas
season because in it we find the oppor-
tunity to express again our apprecia-
tion for your thoughtfulness.

THE TEXAS CO.
C. W. GATES, DISTRIBUTOR
East McIlrath Phone 790 Harrisburg



Christmas Meditation

What's the Christmas Spirit, Daddy? The child
peered gravely over the magazine where she had found
these words, confidently awaiting an answer.

"Well, girl, it's... it's a lot of things, big and small. And hard as
you'll find it to believe, Santa Claus is part of the small. You see, the
Christmas Spirit isn't likely to visit you when you're knee-deep in your
own pleasure; you've got to be heart-deep in kindness!

"Remember how bleak and barren Main Street looked early this
month? And you know how it looks now, with the wintry harshness all
shut out by those evergreen arches, and strings of lights. Well, that's
sorta like the way the Christmas Spirit changes people... and towns...
and the world. It takes all the grey coldness out of streets, and human
hearts—and brings in something fine and fragrant like evergreen, some-
thing bright and sparkling like those streamer-lights of red and green
and frosty blue. It stirs up the best part of human nature, that's usually
buried too far down. It turns on a long, warm, friendly smile inside of us.

"Remember the midnight service at church last year? There, more
than anywhere else, you'll feel the touch of the Christmas Spirit. So
many things play a part in it—the crisp silence of the night... the
lights of the church, throwing long, golden patterns across the snow...
frosty breath in the starlight, and faces rosy-fresh in the cold... a cer-
tain closeness and warmth that you'll never find anywhere—except at a
Christmas midnight service.

"And then, girl, when you stand with the others and throw all your
being into one of those great Christmas Carols, and the organ has a
silver sound you never heard before, with your heart riding on its melody
—then the Christmas Spirit is all around you, like a gentle snowfall. And
your thoughts are soaring far, far above all the glitter and surface-shine
of Christmas, up and out through the midnight stretches searching the
skies for the Star of Bethlehem.

"It's—so much more than I can say, and what I've said is probably
hard for you to understand, but—"

She smiled across at him, her eyes shining in the lamp-glow. "I do
understand, sorta better, anyway... and it is even more wonderful
than Santa Claus, isn't it Daddy?"

And the winter wind whispered outside the window, envious of the
bright glory within—for the radiance of the Christmas Spirit was with
them, there in the room...

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**Christmas Seals
Originated by
Dane in 1903**

In 1903, the idea that gave birth
to the annual Christmas Seal Sale
was born! Einar Holboell, a Dan-
ish postal office worker conceived
the idea of placing decorative
stamps on Christmas letters and
packages.

It was his thought also, that
these stamps should be issued and
sold by some worthwhile organiza-
tion.

In discussion with a co-worker,
they thought the best cause would
be in the fight against tuberculosis.
King Christian of Denmark is—

sued the first of such seals in 1904
with the image of Queen Louise
thereon.

In 1907, Jacob Riis, a Danish-
born American, described this ven-
ture in an article in "Outlook"
magazine; and the plan soon
caught the imagination of the
American public.

That same year, a Red Cross
worker, Miss Emily Bissell, start-
ed the first American Christmas
Seal Sale.

First of Kind
First plant in the United States
using water power in generating
electricity was built at the rapids
of the Fox River, Appleton, Wis.,
in 1882.

There are 21 in the world's only
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To All...

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Christmas
to you

May your
Christmas
be filled to
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**In the Reverent Mood of
This Holy Christmas Time**

The Spirit of Christmas belongs to everyone - its sacred trust
of friendship and good-will know no boundaries of race or
creed. It is with this in mind, we say to all -- May you
and yours find this Christmas bright with cheer and the
blessings of warmth and benevolence!... To you -- our
loyal customers and friends - We wish a Happy Holiday!

We're a New Organization Here in Harrisburg But Our
Christmas Wish Is As Sincere As Any!

Harrisburg Mill and Elevator
120 Maple Street Clorus Burnham, Mgr. Harrisburg

In Belgium and the Netherlands, St. Nicholas Day, Dec. 6, is celebrated with the significance of our Dec. 25. On that day in the Netherlands, "Sint Nicolaas," robed in

clerical robes of red and white—not the American Santa Claus suit—comes to town. He is attended by Black Peter, his young Moorish servant who carries the presents.

Stolen federal government property valued at \$2,887,437 was recovered by the Army's military policemen during the past year.

There are more than 100 glaciers in the United States, most of them in the Rockies and the Cascade Range of Washington and Oregon.

IT HAPPENED IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS:

Christmas

By JOHN W. ALLEN
Southern Illinois University
The origin of many customs, practices and folk beliefs found in southern Illinois today can be traced back through many centuries. The observance of Christmas and the customs connected with it afford some examples of such that have long survived.

More than 500 years before the advent of Christianity, pagan peoples in widely scattered countries were observing a season that corresponds to our Christmas. Many of their customs were the same as those we now observe. These pre-Christian observances were held to entreat the gods to turn the sun from its southern course and thus assure another summer.

These observances also served to express the joy of the people that the winter solstice had passed. Each day thereafter, as the sun rose higher in its course, they knew that another summer with its fruiting season was approaching. The "unconquerable sun" was returning.

Festival times at season of the winter solstice were observed in the British Isles, in the Scandinavian countries, in Persia, in Germany, in France, in Italy and in various other countries before the advent of Christianity. Always they were times of rejoicing. They were marked by feasts, singing of carols, giving of gifts, and general jollity, somewhat paralleling present practices.

The plum pudding, even today a typical Christmas dish, is said to have had its origin in the Court of King Arthur in England. There, wine was poured over the pudding and set on fire. Children long ago must have begun to be good "for Christmas," for it was then said that "only good little boys and girls" were to receive gifts during observance of the Saturnalia in Rome 500 years before Christ. Boughs of evergreens are now woven into festoons at Christmas time; the Romans wove them in like manner at their Saturnalia.

Long ago cakes were prepared at Christmas time with one candle for each member of the family. They survive today as birthday cakes. Then as now, good fortune came to the one who blew out all the candles at one vigorous puff. Festoons on today's Christmas tree are the successors of such that represented beneficent dragons more than 2000 years ago.

Sang Carols
Slaves were freed and criminals pardoned at the Saturnalia; governors often extend pardons to prisoners deemed as deserving at Christmas time. Little girls received dolls at the Saturnalia just as they do at Christmas today. By mutual consent, it appears, many old quarrels were then forgotten: "Peace on earth, Good will toward men" is still echoed. No new wars were then declared during the season of celebration.

In the misty past, groups went from dwelling to dwelling and sang carols. Mimmers long ago went about the British Isles and sang. Today, carollers gather and make the rounds on Christmas eve. Then they sang the very best songs they knew. Through the years since then, many wonderful musical compositions have been inspired by the season.

St. Winfred vanquished the Dr-

Little Known Legends, Facts About Christmas

DID YOU KNOW that the greeting "Merry Christmas" originated in Britain? Or, that the Germans are said to have initiated the adornment of trees as a Christmas custom?

DID YOU KNOW that the Druids believed that evergreens in the home meant eternal life—and, at Christmas this oldtime belief is still carried out in swags, wall, mantel and doorway Christmas decorations?

DID YOU KNOW that the Poinsettia—traditionally the Christmas plant, originated in Mexico—and that now, more than 2,000,000 poinsettias are produced annually in the U. S. for Christmas?

DID YOU KNOW that the Christmas stocking is said to have been first hung up either in France or in Belgium?

DID YOU KNOW that Mistletoe was used centuries ago to ward off witches—and now it is used to lure favored ones beneath it—to share a kiss?

DID YOU KNOW that the first Christmas tree erected in a church in U. S. (1851) drew from its Cleveland congregation—that it was too heathenish?

In France the children put their shoes by the fireplace when they go to bed Christmas Eve. The parents go to midnight church services and afterwards comes the grand feast, known as "le reveillon," in which geese are served with wine.

Christmas is mostly for the children, a holy day and a day of feasting. The great adult feast is New Year's.

Smokey Says:



Thanks for your help folks—anything you do to prevent a forest fire is in the interest of your state!

ids and cut down their sacred oak with its mistletoe. When he came to inspect the fallen tree, he found a small evergreen undamaged among the limbs of the fallen oak and declared that it should thereafter be used as an emblem of the season. Martin Luther carried home a small fir tree and decorated it that his children might see the beauties of the forest.

No Toys on Earlier Trees

The first Christmas tree in Illinois is said to have been the one placed in the home of the Governor of the State of Illinois in 1833. Christmas trees are decorated in homes all over Illinois today; the tree of today, however, differs in at least one way from the first ones—the early ones had no toys.

The oak tree of Thor became the Christmas tree of the Scandinavians. The first Christmas card, a single card, was sent by an Englishman to a friend in 1844. It carried a sketch appropriate to the season. The next year a card was lithographed and a number of them were sent. The custom thus began. In 1862, the words "Merry Christmas" were added.

Through many centuries of its observance one characteristic of the Christmas observance has remained constant. This has been the increased measure of peace and kindness that comes with the Yule Season.



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Knee-deep in Christmas Spirit..



Only someone as wonderful as God could have invented Christmas!

Mired most of the time in the exacting business of making a living, life would be dull, indeed, were it not that once each year December comes along to lift us bodily, mentally and spiritually out of our material mole-hills and plummet us squarely down in the middle of a Season that surpasses even spring in its limitless capacity for the surprising, the miraculous, the joy-inspiring.

Let us breathe the spicy scent of one small, uprooted fir tree, glimpse a holly branch or a bit of mistletoe, hear the first note of Jingle Bells, even from a juke box, and suddenly we are knee-deep in Christmas spirit, in love with life and all the world. Isn't it wonderful that the annual visit of an ancient, naive, gentle saint, known as Santa Claus, has power to push the Messrs. Malenkov and Molotov—and all they represent—off the front page and out of our consciousness?

To all of you who have treated us so kindly over the years—and to all of you whom we hope one day to number among our friends and customers, we say:

May your Christmas be Happy—and 1955 your best year to date!

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Bob Milburn
Paul Rice
Virginia Stanley
Merle Nelson

Virgil Ferrell
Henry McGuire
Delores Parks
Bob Threest
James Conrad

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President Johnson Issued Civil War Amnesty On Dec. 25

Christmas is traditionally a day of universal good will. Even in times of war the battlefronts are often quiet and serene, by mutual consent, on Christmas Day.

It was also on December 25th, in 1868, that President Johnson issued his Civil War amnesty. In an attempt to heal the wounds left by the great war, Johnson issued an amnesty proclamation which did not exclude any persons or classes of persons—not even the highest officials of the Confeder-

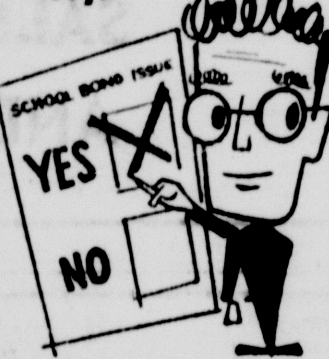


acy. Previous amnesty proclamations, issued both by Johnson and his predecessor Lincoln had not been "total" amnesties.

At the time, President Johnson expressed the belief that universal amnesty would tend to secure permanent peace, order, and prosperity throughout the country and would renew and restore respect for and attachment to the national government.

The proclamation pardoned all persons who participated directly or indirectly against the United States in the Civil War "with restoration of all rights, privileges and immunities under the Constitution and the laws which have also been made in pursuance thereof."

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631 North Main

The forests and tree farms of New England are the leading source of supply, followed very closely by New York and Pennsylvania, the North Middle West and the Pacific Northwest regions.

Most of the trees for Christmas sales are cut in the early fall and are kept fresh and moist in cold storage until they are shipped to the distribution centers.

Some tree producers prefer to cut their trees early in the year and treat them with coloring solutions and preservatives in chilled warehouses.

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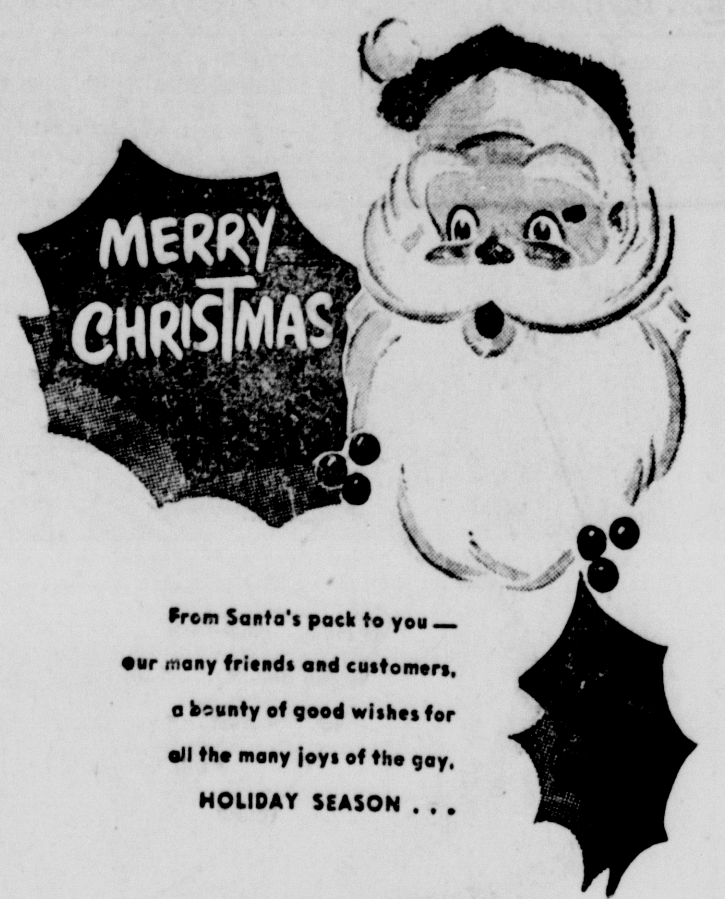
Christmas Joy

ALL of us here extend to you, our loyal friends and customers, best wishes for a happy and Holy Christmas.

May the glory of this great day enter into your hearts and uplift your thoughts to Him whose birth we honor.

Jack Donovan Quality Cleaners

509 S. Granger



From Santa's pack to you — our many friends and customers, a bounty of good wishes for all the many joys of the gay, HOLIDAY SEASON . . .

4-Way Cafe

U. S. Route 45
Lorene and Polly



SEASON'S GREETINGS

Good friends . . . gifts given and received . . . gay voices ringing out — bells caroling "Merry Christmas" — These are the many things that add up to the true and rich spirit of the holy day — To all our friends, we say "The best of cheer for the holidays."

Saline County Republican Central Committee



Christmas Greetings

FORD

Brick and Tile Company

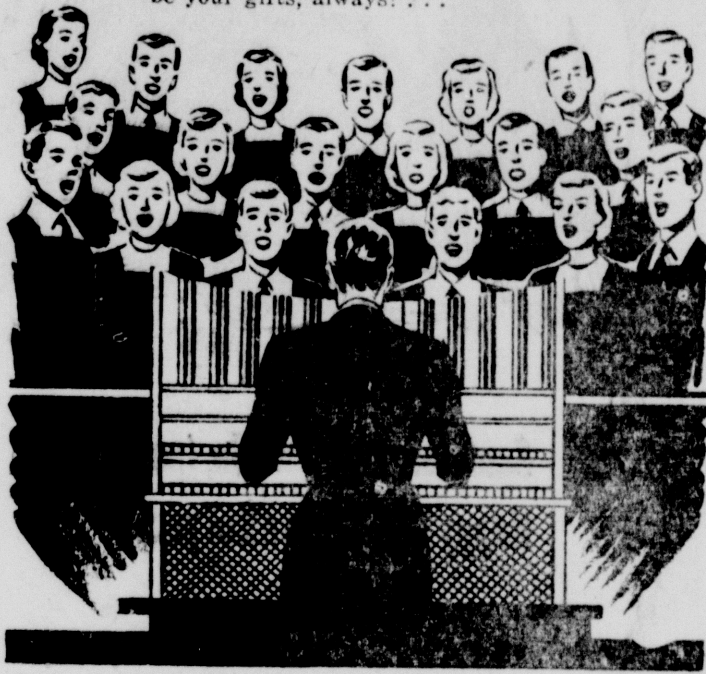
HARRISBURG

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



At this Christmas-spirited time, May all of you be blessed with a bounty of happiness. . . May peace and plenty be your gifts, always! . . .



Automobile Club of Egypt

AAA Building Phones 888 — 889



Our very best wishes to all for a Merry, merry Christmas! . . .

Scott's Cleaners

302 W. Sloan



LARGEST MANGER SCENE . . . Boy visitor is dwarfed by manger scene in stone and marble, by sculptor Vincenzo Ferri, in Rome. Each statue is from 8 to 12 feet tall, include the Madonna and infant; St. Joseph and the three wise kings bearing gifts.

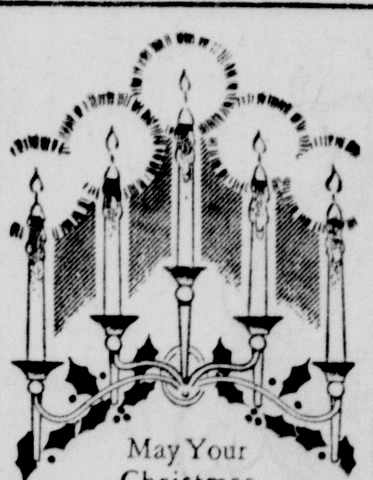
Christmas Was Once A Movable Feast

Christmas was once like Easter in that it was a movable feast, celebrated on a different date each year.

St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, is responsible for establishment of the universal date we celebrate today. In 337 A.D., with the permission of Pope Junius I, St. Cyril appointed a commission to determine, if possible, the precise date of Christ's nativity. The theologians of the Church finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 354 this date has been celebrated.



In England, the day after Christmas is called Boxing Day and is celebrated as a legal holiday. The custom derives its name from the giving of Christmas boxes of gifts on that day and leaving Dec. 25 for family festivities.



May Your Christmas be as bright as holiday candles . . .

Archie Abney
Home Supply & Roofing
217 S. Granger



We hope that all our many friends will be stocking up on the wealth of good wishes sent your way by our entire staff . . . May your Christmas be sock-full of happiness and every good thing in life!

From The Employees and Management of

ROGER'S

AUTO SUPPLY

21 SOUTH JACKSON



Paul Powell

Your Democratic Representative . . . 51st Senatorial District



Our Very Best Holiday Wishes

UZZLE'S OF CARRIER MILLS

TELEVISION — APPLIANCES — FURNITURE

REALISM REFLECTED AT CHRIST'S BIRTHPLACE

In the Middle East, where Christ lived, Christmas has a touch of realism. The patriarch comes from Jerusalem with a troop of cavalry in gorgeous array. The service lasts from 10 p. m. until long after midnight.

After the reading of the gospel the clergy and congregation leave the church and journey to the Grotto of the Nativity.

The University of Illinois Bureau of Business Management was established in 1948 especially to help small businessmen.

"SOUTH OF BORDER"

The pinata is the center of one of the gayest Christmas customs of our South of the Border neighbors.

A thin clay jar is filled with trinkets and sweetmeats decorated with colorful ribbons and flowers and hung from the ceiling.

Each guest is then blindfolded and given a long stick. The object is to swing the stick overhead until someone shatters the pinata, scattering the goodies in all directions.

In Mexico, Christmas festivities last from December 16 to January 6, and children must wait until the last day to receive their gifts.

Christmas Will Be Merry for British Families

LONDON — This will be Britain's first Christmas without food rationing in 15 years—and as a result, the most sumptuous.

Housewives happily are preparing holiday meals from the greatest assortment of foods and delicacies seen in shops since the start of World War II in September, 1939.

And for the children born since the outbreak of the war, this will be their merriest Christmas, not only because of the goodies to eat. There will be more too.

Even the traditional Christmas pudding will be more of the home-made variety. London shops report the ready-made variety is a slow seller. No trouble finding the makings, they say.

London already is decorated for the Yuletide, and trees with colored lights and decorations will deck most homes.

The royal family plans to spend Christmas at Sandringham—in much the same fashion as the rest of Britain. Carolers with their traditional lanterns on poles will sing the favorite carols of Queen Elizabeth II and her family, and an excited Prince Charles and Princess Anne will go to bed wondering what Santa will bring them. Early Christmas morning, the young prince and princess like children all over the country will open gifts, and after breakfast the family will walk to the old parish church for services. Then, back home for the traditional Christmas feast, and the opening of more gifts.

All over Britain, the Christmas dinner is served at mid-day.

Typical menu is that planned by Mrs. Norman White, wife of a London engineer, who will feature roast turkey. Mrs. White said the Christmas day meal for herself, her husband, their two children, her mother and sister will cost about 10 pounds—\$28.

The menu: Chilled grapefruit, roast stuffed turkey, boiled ham, giblet gravy, bread sauce, potatoes, Brussels sprouts, green salad, Christmas pudding with rum butter, mince pies with brandy sauce, fruit salad and cream, nuts, and wine.

Smyrna Figs

Fruit of the Smyrna fig does not grow from a flower, but contains the flowers inside the walls of the fruit. The flowers must be pollinated by the fig wasp, a parasitic insect.

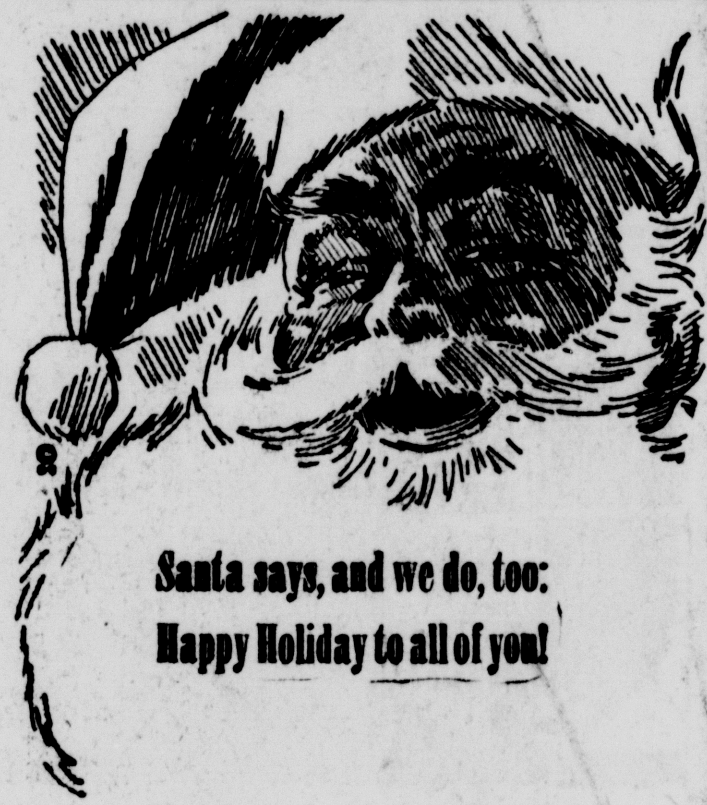
The North Star cannot be seen from the equator.



We extend our gratitude to our loyal customers whom we have so enjoyed serving — May Christmas bring you many blessings!

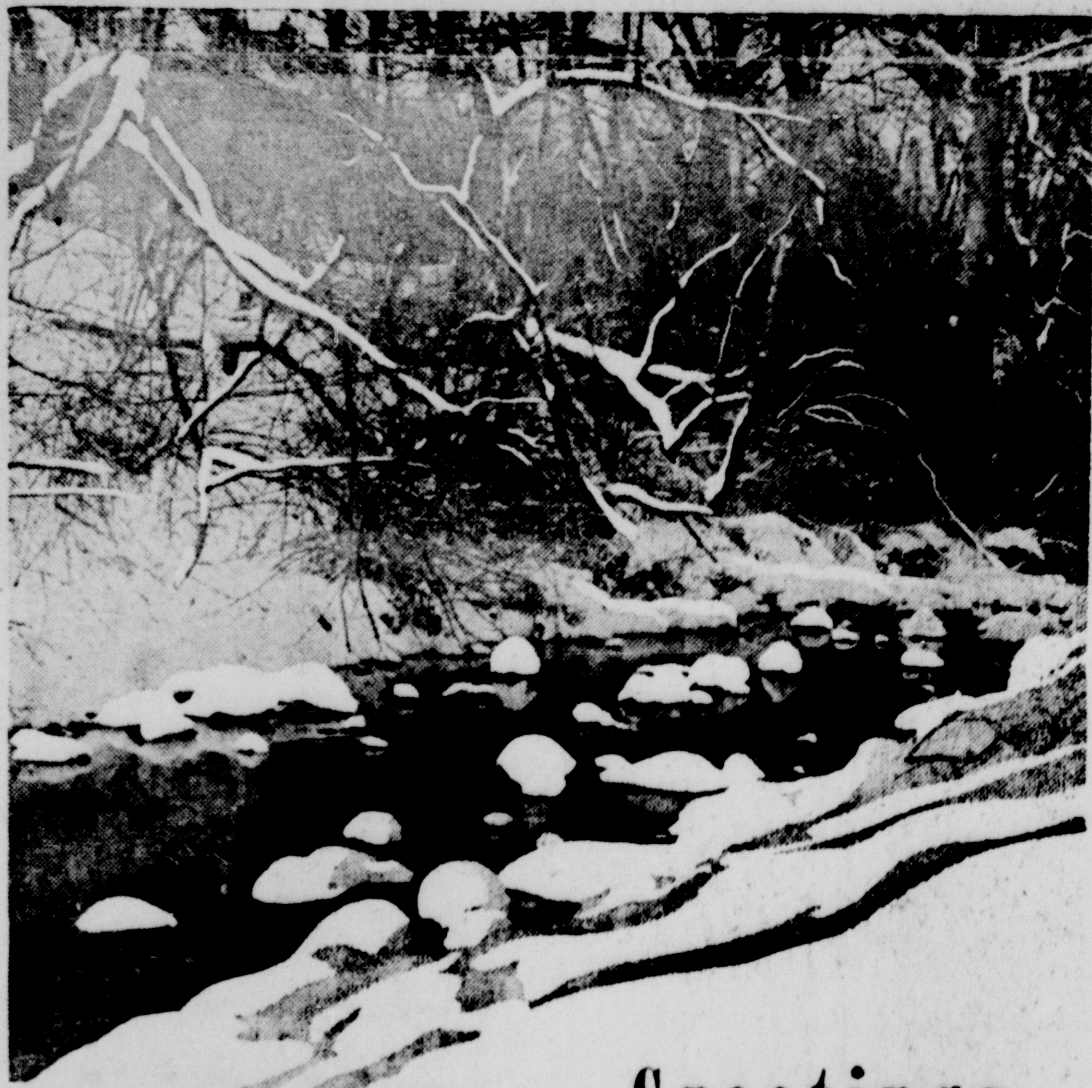
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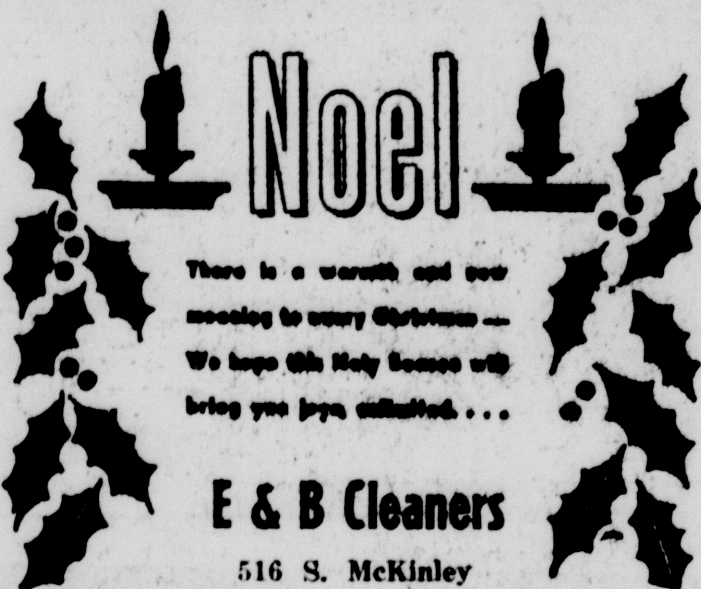


Greetings At Christmas!

Before this year is over, we want to thank our many customers for their continuing faith in us, and wish you all a very Joyous Holiday! . . .

SMITH PACKING CO.

HOME OF BANNER BRAND PRODUCTS . . HARRISBURG



There is a warmth and peace
meeting to every Christmas —
We hope this Holy Season will
bring you joys unthought of . . .

E & B Cleaners

516 S. McKinley



To our many friends at Christmas time . . .

We wish to express our appreciation of our long association and to say thanks for your continued patronage! . . . May your holiday be merry and laden with blessings . . .

HENRY'S Typewriter Service

106 NORTH VINE

PHONE 1291R



From all of us to all of
you, go our heartfelt wishes
that you may enjoy
A Very Merry Christmas!

SULLIVAN Loan Company

PRUETT BLDG. — HARRISBURG

To All Our Valued Friends and Customers

We Extend Our Sincere Wishes for a

Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

... From the Home of

DODGE

and

PLYMOUTH

B. W. Rude Motor Co.

100 SOUTH MAIN

HARRISBURG

Look who's coming!



With A Most Sincere Wish For A Merry Christmas

and a

Happy, Prosperous 1955

From All The Folks At

Dairy Brand

oh boy! It's
christmas again!

Yes, it's Christmas:
Wooden time of
the year — May it
bring, all that's
good — in health, and
luck, and cheer!

South Vine St.
Barber Shop
PAUL HOOD



LIL' ABNER



The Daily Register, Harrisburg, Illinois
Friday, December 24, 1951 Page One, Section Three

HOLIDAY HISTORY



By Robert C. Pieble

The exact day and year of the birth of Christ has never been settled, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. As missionaries moved into those Northern lands that depend upon the sun for their very existence, they encountered "festivals of light" marking the "return" of the sun at the winter solstice. Tradition had held that Christ was born at about this time of year, and the pagan festivals came to mark the Nativity of Christ as the light of the world.

From the pagan accent on light can be traced the Christmas lights and the Yule log. The ever-green decorations recall the green boughs with which Romans decorated their temples for the Saturnalia, as well as the sacred mistletoe of the Druids and the Holly of the Saxons—all symbolically altered into Christian terms.

Boniface, English missionary to Germany, is said to have set up the Christmas tree, a fir, to replace the sacred oak of Odin, and Martin Luther, tradition holds, first introduced a tree lighted with candles.

The Christmas carol apparently derives from "corolla" meaning a garland or ring, and originally meant a tune written for a

ring dance. Some of the most famous Latin Christmas hymns were written to dance tunes. Carolling, the combined exercise of dance and song, found its way from pagan ritual into early Christian use, though eventually the practice was banned by the church. In certain parts of England carollers still carry "milly-boxes," or My Lady boxes, showing figures of the Virgin and Child, to solicit donations.

In England Christmas became increasingly the great festival of the year, with observance from Christmas Eve to Twelfth Night. In holly-decked great halls of the feudal lords their friends, tenants and household engaged in feasting, singing and games, dancing, masquerading and pantomimes. A lord of misrule directed the revels, and headed the minstrels who paraded for the Christmas feast.

It was the wild license of these celebrations with no hint of the true meaning of Christmas, that caused the parliament under the Puritans to forbid Christmas festivities after 1644. England, and simultaneously the American colonies, gradually found Christmas again, and made it what it is today — the most beloved Church ceremonial and home festival of the year.

"Pomegranate Grenades" Grenades were used in European wars as early as the 1400s. The first grenades looked like pomegranates, and the word grenade comes from the Latin name for this fruit.

The United States Military Academy at West Point was the first engineering school in the country.

Color Symbols In stained glass windows of the Middle Ages, red was the symbol of love and valor; blue represented wisdom and heaven itself; yellow stood for goodness, and so on thru the whole range of pure color.

Guam, largest island in the Marianas' chain, covers only 250 square miles.

We Sing Out our Sincere Thanks

For Your Patronage,
And your Good will...
We hope you find as
much pleasure from our
greeting to you—as we
do in extending it:

A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Santy's Cafe
Carrier Mills



At this time of the year, it is
with deep appreciation that we say —
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR MANY FRIENDS!

REED'S FLOWER SHOP

130 WEST PARK AVE.

We Greet You
At Christmas

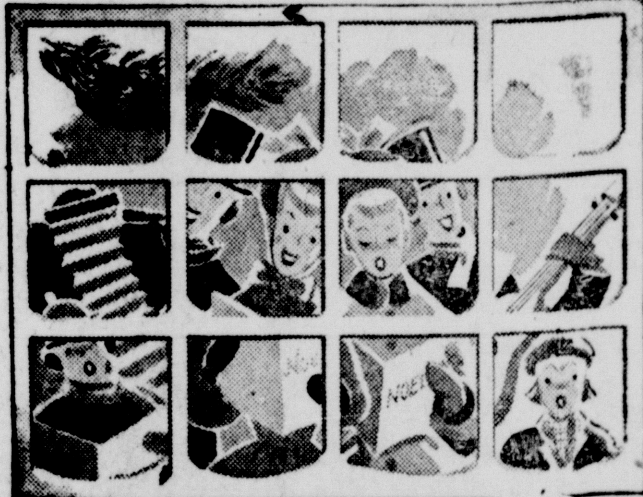
We take great pleasure at
this happy holiday time
to salute all our friends:
Thank you for your loyalty.

F. W. Woolworth
Company



FORD ELECTRIC CO.

19A N. MAIN



Christmas
Greetings

THE MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS OF
Harrisburg
Retail Clerks Union



OBEY safety rules for a happy
Christmas. Keep tree away
from heat, keep it fresh, with
earth, cover with foil.



ALL BAWLED UP... The excitement of welcoming the New Year is fine while it lasts. Some folks, however, like George here, want to tuck themselves in after the year is properly ushered in. So, please be quiet, won't you?

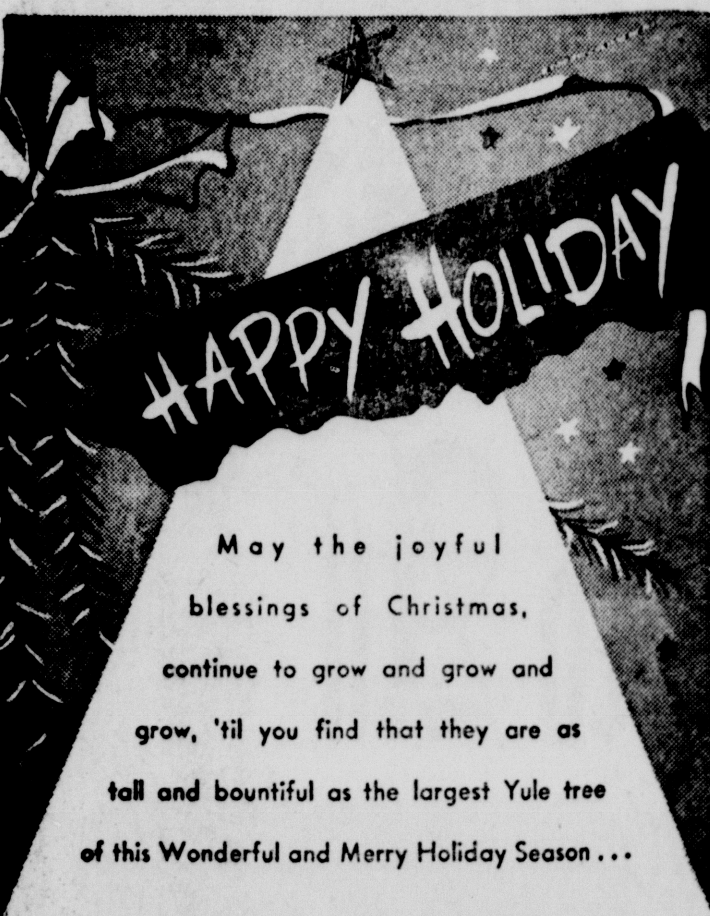
It Can Be Wished In Many Languages

"Happy New Year!"
As the year 1955 rolls westward from the Admiralty's date line, these words will ring out in many languages.

Should you be in gay Paree, the greeting you'd hear would be "Bonne Annee!" Down in sunny Italy, they say "Buon Capo d'Anno!" which doesn't sound too different. In Spain, it's "Feliz Año Nuevo!"

If you have relatives or friends in Germany, they may write, "Ein Glueckliches Neues Jahr." If so, they wish you a Happy New Year. The Swedish and Norse greetings are different from the ones above, although they are almost the same. The Swedes say, "Godt Nytt Ar," and the Norse "Godt Nytt Aar."

Any way you hear it, though, it seems the same. The three words mean not only Happy New Year, but imply best wishes for all the days ahead.



May the joyful
blessings of Christmas,
continue to grow and grow and
grow, 'til you find that they are as
tall and bountiful as the largest Yule tree
of this Wonderful and Merry Holiday Season...



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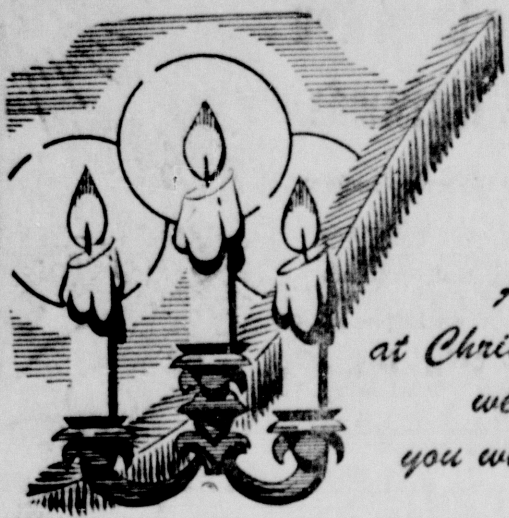


From Two of Southern Illinois' Greatest Stores

THE FASHION PALACE
THE PALACE CLOTHING HOUSE

... for Women

... for Men



Again
at Christmas
we wish
you well...

To all of you who have favored us with
your patronage, we extend
our greetings for a
Very Merry Christmas!

Durham Hardware

111 North Main

Phone 671R



"I am sorry, Mary. They tell me they have no room." And so it was that Joseph, the humble Galilean carpenter, and his queenly young wife Mary, took refuge in a stable near the edge of town. For them, there had been no room.

The population of Bethlehem was more than double, the descendants of David, having come to register as ordered by Herod. The journey had been a particularly tiresome one for Mary. The quietness of the stable and the small amount of warmth it provided was indeed welcomed by both She and Joseph. Near the hour of midnight, the darkened sky came to life with a light of ethereal beauty, above the

stables, a bright new star with the brilliance of a million candles. In the distance angels were heard in a great psalm:

"Glory in the highest,
And on earth, peace to men of
good will."

The quietness of the stable gives way to the sounds of camels and voices of men, and there appears a group of Magi, wise men of Persia. They have followed the brightness of the star in search of a new-born king. They bring gifts of precious gold.

There in the stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes, a manger for his throne, they find the Christ-Child.



Harvey's Food Store

Corner Church and Jackson



We're overflowing with the
heartiest wishes for your good
cheer. May this gay holiday
be your most enjoyable ever!!

SLOAN'S FLOWER SHOP



We say Thanks to our
Many Loyal Customers
And Add our Best Wishes
that Your Holiday
Be Warm and Glowing

W. A. Grant Jewelry Co.

Islanders Are First To See Every New Year

Residents of Chatham Islands, New Zealand, are always the first to welcome in the New Year. This particular distinction is brought about by the fact that the islands lie just east of the starting point of time—the Admiralty's date line. It is made to curve east and west of the 180th meridian in such a way that it lies always in the ocean.

The year 1955 will leave the islands and race westward along the equator at a speed of 1,000 miles per hour. At 12:01 on January 1, 1955, in the islands, it will still be the last day of the year 1954 in New York and London. The milkman will be making his 7 a. m. rounds in New York and Big Ben will be striking the noon hour for Londoners.

By the time the New Year reaches the howling mob in Times Square, the Chatham Islanders will be preparing to set down to their New Year's day feast.

OLD TIMES

Before the revolution, New Year's was a gay time in Russia. In some cities the streets were decorated with flags and lanterns and thronged with merry-makers.

New Year Gatherings Are Ancient Tradition

Gathering with family and friends to celebrate the New Year is a custom older than when the date January 1 became accepted as the first day of the year.

Watching the old year out and the new year in is one of the oldest and most universal of all celebrations. The ancient Romans got together, although they celebrated the New Year in the spring, to wish each other health, wealth and happiness in the days ahead.

And, long before this time, the Vikings built huge fires at the turn of the year to propitiate their fierce Norse gods.

Washington Began Open House Custom

Some historians credit George Washington with starting the custom of receiving friends, and holding "open house" on New Year's Day.

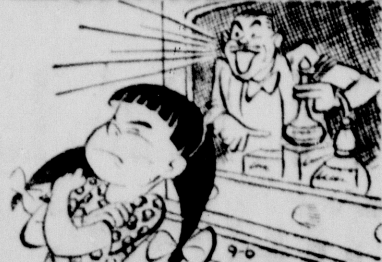
The first president began this custom in 1790, when New York was the seat of the government. He made a practice of opening the doors of the presidential mansion for a reception on each New Year's Day. Home and foreign diplomats were invited as well as the local citizenry.

New Year Calls For Celebrations

New Years is celebrated in unusual fashion in many parts of the world and as a rule, it is a time for gaiety and for throwing off the shackles of another year.

It is one of the happiest days on the Japanese calendar. Even the poorest manage to have a new suit of clothes for this day, which is spent visiting friends. Celebrations sometimes last as long as two weeks, with three or four days vacation from work taken by many happy celebrants.

LITTLE LIZ



A good TV mystery would be one where it was impossible to detect the sponsor.



Merry Christmas to All

We say Merry Christmas to all our friends and customers...

We want you all to know how much we have enjoyed your patronage and friendship and we take this opportunity to wish you and yours - -

a holiday complete with happiness to last forever and ever!

The Harrisburg National Bank

MEMBER F.D.I.C.

RADIO STATION WEBQ & WEBQ-FM



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDLINESS
AND GOOD CHEER, WE THANK YOU FOR
YOUR MANY FAVORS AND SINCERELY
WISH YOU AN OLD-FASHIONED YULETIDE

RAINBOW'S "Rexall" Drug Store

Northwest Corner of the Square



TO OUR FRIENDS

A part of this joyous season is our memory of the wonderful customers we have served!

Flowers by White's

SALLY Says....

If you're taking a job before Christmas you too will need a social security card to show your boss.



For full INFORMATION go to your nearest SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE

A problem Resolved

By Don Wheeler

TYLER TURNABOUT placed a tray of sandwiches on the buffet in the dining room and hurried to the front door to welcome the first of his New Year's Eve party guests.

"Well, Tyler," said Robert Benson, ushering in his wife, "Don't tell me we're the first to arrive? I thought the Harrisons would be here at last."

"Nope, not them," said Tyler with a good-natured sneer. "They live right next door, but they're sure to be the last."

The Bensons seated themselves in the living room while their host went into the kitchen to assist Mrs. Turnabout in putting the final touches to the party preparations. The minutes ticked by and the guests drifted in, until at last they were all there, even the Harrisons from next door.

"Look here, Turnabout," said Tom Harrison as he planted his left foot squarely on the middle of the piano bench. "This is the time of year for making resolutions. I've made a few myself and I'd like to know if you've done the same."

"Me? Made any resolutions? I hadn't given it a thought, Tom, old boy."

"Well I have," said Harrison, lifting his foot in the air and bringing it down on the piano bench with a thud. Mrs. Turnabout

Shasta Dam is the world's second largest concrete structure (after Grand Coulee). To create the vast Shasta Lake this dam holds back three rivers, Sacramento, McCloud and Pit. It stores enough water to provide 9,000 gallons for every man, woman and child in the United States.

Heat marks on furniture often can be removed with camphorated oil. The best method of application is to stroke the spot lightly with a cloth moistened with the oil, then rub immediately with a dry cloth. Don't use a linty cloth; the fuzz may stick to the wood. The final step is a new coat of wax.



Bright as glistening

snowflakes are our wishes

for a wonderful holiday, to

you — our many customers!

Newman's Home Supply

Merry Christmas

Each of us here send to each of our many loyal customers the warmest wishes of the Yule Season . . . "Serving you has been a real pleasure."

The Webster Pharmacy

"Your Prescription Store"
North Side Square



As we join in tribute to the Prince of Peace

On this happiest of holidays, we bring to you our Hopes and wishes for a Very Merry Christmas

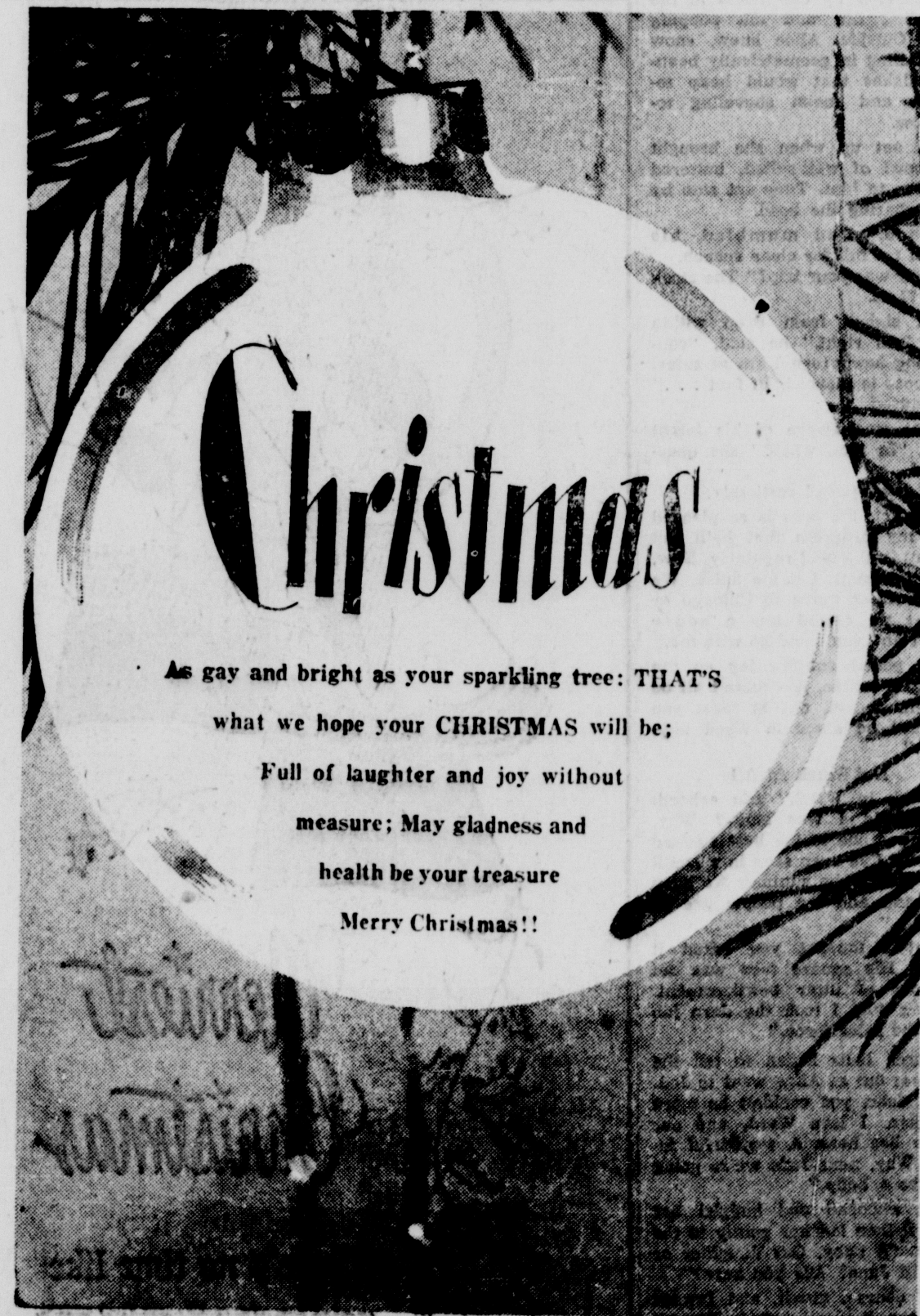
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As gay and bright as your sparkling tree: THAT'S

what we hope your CHRISTMAS will be;

Full of laughter and joy without

measure; May gladness and

health be your treasure

Merry Christmas!!



"You'll never stick to it, turnabout," he said.

scowled from across the room, so Harrison retreated from the piano bench and leaned against the wall nearby, pausing only to grab up a cup of coffee from an end table as he did so.

Bob Bensen, who had caught the opening of the conversation, moved along with him. He was aware of the friendly arguments the two neighbors had indulged in over a period of several years. He knew a trap was being set for Tyler Turnabout.

"Well, Tom, let's hear some of your New Year's resolutions," said Benson, pulling up a chair.

He Tells All

"I've resolved," said Harrison, looking at Tyler, "to figure out some way to keep your dog out of my flower bed this spring. Further, I've resolved to figure a plan which will make you cut your share of the grass between our houses—by the way, you still have my lawn mower from last summer—a plan that will make you shovel your share of the snow off the front walk." Harrison gulped some of his coffee and continued, "A plan that will keep the branches of your apple tree from hanging over into my back yard; and a plan that will keep you from using my garbage can when yours is full." Harrison indicated a full garbage can by raising both hands above his head and as a result his coffee cup crashed against the wall and fell to the floor.

Harrison apologized for the action. Mr. Turnabout seemed unconcerned.

Most of the other conversation in the room had ceased and the others had gathered around the two smiling. The clock on the mantle showed that it would be a New Year in five minutes.

An Easy Solution

"Tell you what I'll do, Tom," said Tyler, "I'll make a resolution that guarantees you won't be bothered by any of these things this year."

"You'll never stick to it, Turnabout!"

"I guarantee it," said Tyler with a broad grin.

"All right, Turnabout. You make that resolution. If you keep it, and I know you won't, for just three months, I'll cut your grass for the rest of the summer. If you don't, then you cut mine. Agreed?"

"Agreed," replied Turnabout with an even broader grin.

"Let's shake hands on it before the New Year, just to make it legal," said Harrison.

The New Year arrived with horn blowing, hand shaking, and kissing of wives and then Tyler turned to Harrison and said, "By the way, Tom, I guess I should have told you before; we've sold our house. We'll be moving to the other side of town in a week! So when you come to cut my grass this spring don't forget to bring your lawn mower with you; I don't have one you know."

IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS



We put aside all thoughts of day-by-day business, and extend to our many loyal patrons, our wishes that the Holy Spirit of Christmas and its blessings, enfold you and your family now, and for all time . . .

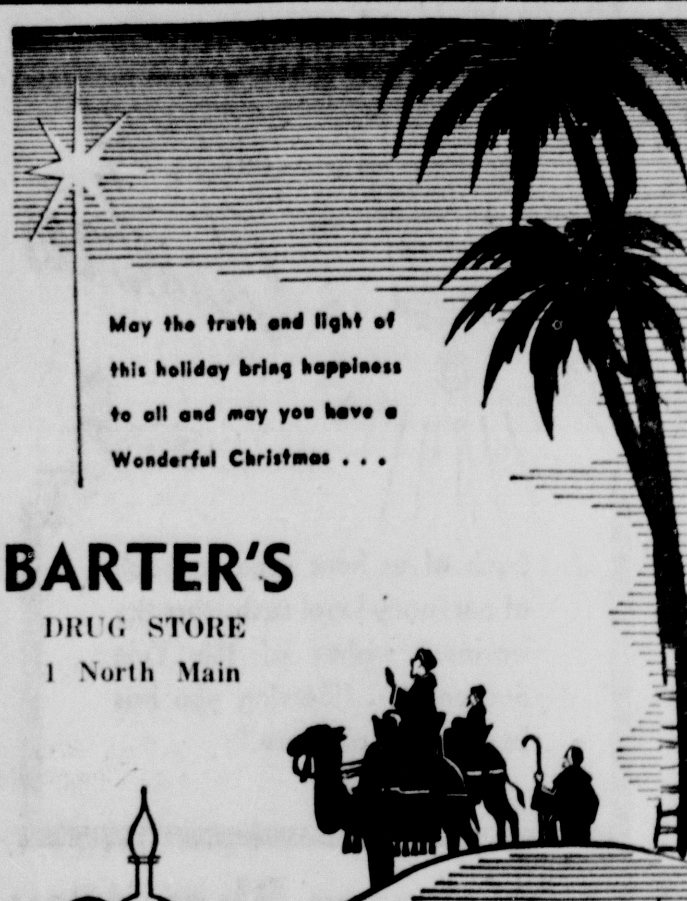
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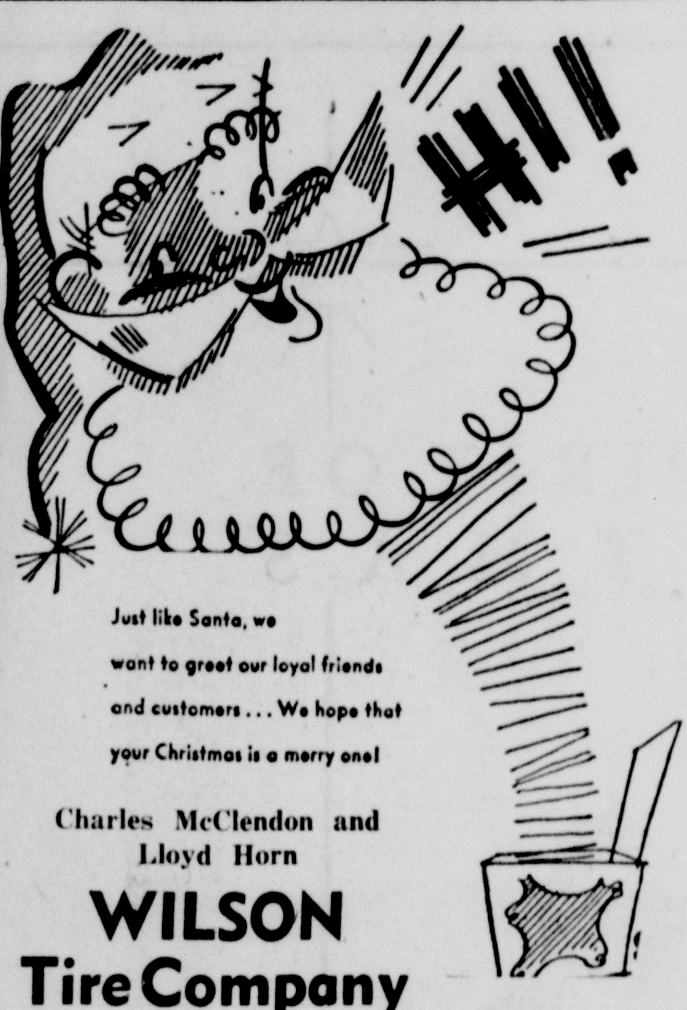
Chrysler-Plymouth Dealers
112 North Mill





May the truth and light of
this holiday bring happiness
to all and may you have a
Wonderful Christmas . . .

BARTER'S
DRUG STORE
1 North Main



Just like Santa, we
want to greet our loyal friends
and customers . . . We hope that
your Christmas is a merry one!

Charles McClelland and
Lloyd Horn

WILSON
Tire Company
114 N. Vine



Wishing You A
Merry Christmas
and a
New Year
of
Good Health . . .
Good Cheer!

New Era Dairy
SUPER RICH HOMOGENIZED MILK

THE BLUE SILK DRESS

By Sally Sandusky Eads

NANCY POWERS counted her egg money, then put it into the teapot and set it on the mantle. There was more than enough to pay for that pretty blue silk dress she had tried on at The Style Shoppe. Cyrus would be mighty proud when he saw her in that dress. He was going to town right after dinner to try to swap cars with Tom Newell, but Cyrus would have to pay boot. Nancy hoped the boot would not be too much, because Cyrus had his heart set on having that almost new car for them to drive to the New Year's Party.

She glanced at the kitchen clock. "My goodness! Cyrus will soon be here for his dinner."

When Nancy saw Cyrus walking slowly down the snow-covered



"No, Nancy. That's your dress money." He pushed the money away from him.

path toward the kitchen door, she said, "Somethin' musta happened." He looked tired, and disappointed. She hoped somebody else hadn't traded for Tom Newell's car. Well, she wouldn't ask for awhile.

"What's the matter, Cyrus Powers?" she asked when he had finished eating.

"Nothin' Nancy, only I've decided ag'in' tradin' for Newell's car. I'll have the old one greased and washed, and it'll look pretty good, agoin' to the New Year Party."

"Cyrus Powers, you know better'n that," Nancy accused. "You was proud when we was young, and you've not changed. Why, you used to take me to the Parties in the finest rubber tire buggy in the county. Your horses always matched your buggy in looks, and you still want a good lookin' turn-out, when you go some place."

Cyrus laughed. "And I had the prettiest, best dressed gal of all."

An Old Story

Nancy smiled. She'd heard that before. She started clearing off the table. "Cyrus, tell me the truth. Why did you change your mind about tradin' for that same-as-new Ford car?"

"Nancy, you're too inquisitive. But the truth is, I had Bud Carter take my bank book to town this mornin' and have it balanced. We lack fifty dollars havin' enough boot money. I could borrow it, but that would worry you and me both."

"Uh-huh," Nancy reached for the teapot and laid thirty-three dollars on the table in front of Cyrus. "Now, get to town and trade for that car before somebody else beats you to it."

"No, Nancy. That's your dress money." He pushed the money away from him.

"Shucks! I don't want a new dress. Get goin' before I spill dishwater on you."

A Good Cry

After he was gone, Nancy sat down and, woman like, had a good cry. It had been so long since she'd had a new dress, but she wanted Cyrus to have the car he'd set his heart on.

She mended and pressed an old dress to wear. Late in the afternoon, she went to the barn and fed the cattle and horses, and milked the cows. Then she locked up the chicken house. It was getting dark when she saw Cyrus coming into the driveway. She wouldn't get to see the new car until morning.

Cyrus was laughing when he came in. "I found a place in town where they paint cars while you wait, and fix them to look like new. They said our car was in good shape." He was holding something behind him.

"You don't say! Cyrus, what's that you're holdin' behind you?"

He grinned and set a dress box on the table. "Since we only had a paint job to pay for, I knew we could afford something else for the party."

Nancy took off the box lid and lifted out the blue silk dress. She smiled, then her face crumpled. Cyrus really had wanted her to have the dress. She mustn't cry.

"Cyrus," she scolded, "I told you to get the Newell car . . . But you can't trust a man to do as you tell him."

Cyrus grinned again. A Happy New Year grin.



Peace on Earth.
Good Will
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Season's
Greetings

BROWNIE
Phone 25



Santa's Here!

We're popping up now to
say "Thank You" . . . and to
extend to you our best
wishes for a wonderful,
CHRISTMAS!

BARNHILL'S
Open Air Market
Intersection Rts. 45 & 13

TOGETHER

By Shirley Sargent

AS ALICE DANFORTH moved from the sink, she saw the big calendar turned to December and the latent happiness within her swelled like a balloon. She hugged her secret to herself, glad now that she had kept it from Jed. What better way to start the New Year? Of course, if Jed had been here in Weed these last two months, she couldn't have kept it, but he had been gone on sales trips for the company. She walked into the living room to study their wedding portrait taken just three years ago.

Jed's expression was radiant. He was a tall young man with dark hair and warm brown eyes while Alice, herself, was slight with honey blond hair and a smile that lent her beauty. How happy they had been, Alice thought, when they had come to the town of Weed. The first year and the second year. It had been only recently that Jed had exhibited the restlessness that culminated in his transferring to the sales staff.

It had been only recently that Alice had paid particular attention to Weed's snow-covered parks, to its homey schools and its pervading air of "typical" as she had walked its broad streets. When they had first come to Weed, she had had little time for anyone but



Jed sat up when she brought the bowl of well-salted, buttered popcorn to him.

Jed, lately she had treasured every friendly greeting, every evidence of belonging. And soon, she wondered, will my interests narrow down again?

Jed arrived home too late and too exhausted to go to the parties they had been invited to. There were tired lines in his face, especially around his eyes. "Let's just see the New Year in together," he suggested, sprawling on the couch.

Thoughtful Quiet

For a while the living room was broken only by the noises of the crackling fire and the popping corn. Outside, Alice knew, snow was falling in geometrically beautiful flakes that would heap together and mean shoveling tomorrow.

Jed sat up when she brought the bowl of well-salted, buttered popcorn to him. They sat side by side, sharing the bowl.

"Good," Jed mumbled, his mouth too full for clear speech.

"How was your trip?" The clock read 11:45.

Jed sighed from deep within him. "All right," he said, "considering how green I am at sales. The boss is pleased. In fact . . ."

Alice was aware of his intent gaze. "In fact, what?" she questioned.

Jed rose, paced restlessly. "In fact, the boss is so pleased with my progress that he'll put me out in the field regularly. Now, don't interrupt. Let me finish. We would either move to Chicago or maybe we could buy a house trailer and you could go with me."

Jed poked another log on the fire. "Of course, it wouldn't all be fun and travel, but at least you wouldn't be stuck in Weed anymore."

Not Stuck At All

"Stuck in Weed," she echoed. "Who said I was stuck? Why, Weed has one of the best stocked libraries I've even seen in a small town and in the summer we have the band and the people are so friendly."


"But I thought you hated it here." His square face was set in lines of utter bewilderment. "That's why I took the darn job with the sales force."

Church bells began to tell the old year out as Alice went to Jed. "Jed, dear, you couldn't be more mistaken. I love Weed, and our future lies here. A wonderful future. Why, next June we're going to have a baby."

Jed whooped and hugged her tightly, then led her gently to the couch. "A baby. Our daughter or son? In June? Are you sure?"

"Of course, nitwit, and I want him, her, it to grow up in Weed."

"Then I don't have to stay with sales and we can live here and raise our child. Oh, Happy New Year, darling. Happy New Year!"



A most hearty
Christmas wish

Health, happiness, and all things good — that
is our hope for you. . . May Life be even
richer and fuller in the days that lie ahead.

Loy — Wilbur — and Colleen

BARGER'S
BOOKKEEPING SERVICE
17½ South Main



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that expresses so well the
age-old greeting of
MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

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There's no time like
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Merry Christmas!

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Holiday Greetings

We wish a season of Joy
for our many
customers and friends.

Davenport Posy Shop
Jack, Frances, Sarah, Charlotte



Christmas Cheer

Happy holiday to all! We are grateful for your
loyalty in the past and wish you and all your
loved ones — A Very Merry Christmas! . . .

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Ray Braddock's Gulf Service

30 W. Church

Phone 1080



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each and every one a
Wonderfully Merry Christmas!

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Santa is Older Than the Name He Now Bears

By JOHN W. ALLEN
Southern Illinois University

A genial old gentleman will be seen often during the next few days. Children will cluster about him with mingled feelings of awe, admiration, wonder and hope. Oldsters will look and feel a nostalgic tug at their emotions as another Santa Claus is added to those they remember from past years. Few, however, will pause to recall the long and interesting story of the character represented.

The chubby, ruddy faced and be-whiskered one that we call Santa is older than the name he now bears. Much older. Earlier character prototypes of the present kindly gentleman seen at numberless places over southern Illinois and practically all over the world were performing many of the same functions in pagan celebrations centuries before the coming of Christ.

Our observance of Christmas and our use of a Santa Claus in many ways resemble the early pagan celebrations held at the winter solstice. In fact, they have so much in common that it all could not be accidental. These pagan celebrations came at the time when the sun paused in its southward journey and began to rise higher in the sky each day. To the pagans it presaged a new life, and they celebrated it accordingly.

Mythical Patrons

On December 21st of each year, ancient Greece held its Bacchanalia, a time of feasting, drinking and revelry, presided over by their god of merriment. Scandinavians celebrated in a somewhat similar manner, under the blessings of one of their major gods, the mighty Thor. The people of Italy observed the Saturnalia, with Saturn as their saint. In all these and in similar observances held elsewhere, a common element of kindness or good will prevailed.

In each land the people had a mythical patron who presided over the celebration. It was not until the advent of Christianity and Christmas, however, that an historic individual, Saint Nicholas of Myra, became permanently associated with the annual observance.

Much of the established data as well as the legends associated with Saint Nicholas were gathered by Angelo Fanelli, a retired Wall Street businessman. It is largely through the work that Fanelli did that a connected account of the saint's life was developed. Some of the facts set down by Fanelli, with bits of legend mingled, give us a glimpse of the patron saint of Christmas.

Born in 270 A. D.

Nicholas was born about the year 270 A. D. in the city of Tacora, province of Lycia in Asia Minor. His parents were members of the Christian group that had existed there since the time when the Apostle Paul had visited the region some 200 years before. The father of Nicholas was a prosperous merchant and left his son a considerable legacy.

Nicholas early became a devout churchman. Coupled with the data establishing this fact there is much of legend. It is said, for instance, that Nicholas rose and stood alone in the bowl of water at his natal bath. Illustrations based on this legend sometimes appear on Christmas cards. Another tradition states that Nicholas, even before he talked, would not take food on Wednesday, then the fast day for Christians.

While still a youth, Nicholas attained a place of respected prominence in the city. Despite his earnest efforts to have the charitable acts he performed remain unknown, his identity as their doer became known to many. When the bishop of the church at Myra died, churchmen met to select his successor. According to legend, a vision directed their attention to Nicholas, and he was immediately chosen. He, pleading youth and inexperience, tried to avoid the responsibility. Not being able to do so, he accepted it and began an eventful and useful life.

Patron Saint

Many and various experiences came to Nicholas. He was cast into prison by the Emperor Diocletian. There he made friends of all, including thieves and robbers, and became their guide and patron saint as well as that of slaves. On a sea voyage he still-ed great storms and thus became the patron saint of sailors. Legend has it that children gathered and trudged with him along the dusty roads. He became the patron saint of children and of schoolboys. Statues still exist commemorating the boy bishops that once were selected in some of the old schools of England. He was also the patron saint of butchers and in some places they paid funds to the church in his name. Perhaps no saint has had more churches named for him.

Nicholas died on December 6,

and was buried at the Church at Myra. His tomb was a point of pilgrimage until the Saracens overran it in 1034. People at Bari, Italy, decided to remove the body of Saint Nicholas from the territory controlled by the Saracens. They therefore, in April 1087, set out in several ships to do so. Outwitting the Greek guards at Myra they secured the body of Saint Nicholas and reached Bari with it in May 1087, just before an expedition was due to set out from Venice with the same objective. His remains now rest in the church at Bari, Italy.

Travels in Many Ways

Legend has Santa travel in various ways. In Norway and Sweden it is with reindeer, and he drops the presents down the chimney. In Poland and Germany he places them in stockings hung by the chimney or, perhaps outside the window. In Belgium and Holland he places them in wooden shoes, around which the youngsters have often placed hay for the big white horse that Santa rides. Recently he has been pictured traveling in automobiles and airplanes.

Santa generally travels alone. Sometimes, though, he has a helper, one who finds the disobedient and naughty, since Nicholas himself could never punish or deny. In Norway his helper is Kris Kringle. In North Germany it is Knecht Ruprecht, who helped deliver gifts to the good, and Pelsnickel, who carries along birch rods for the meaner children. In Holland his helper is Jan Haas, who carries

a big black sack of sticks and sand. In Switzerland his helper is Schmitzle, who goes along to scoop up the bad boys and girls and place them in a big black bag. In parts of Switzerland and Sweden, Santa is accompanied by his wife, Lucy, who helps to distribute presents to the deserving.

10th Century Legend

Children are now pictured sitting on the knee of Santa Claus. This picture comes from legend that originated in Poland about the 10th century. Then a seven year old orphan boy named Stasia, hungry, barefooted and in rags, stood

watching other children as they made merry. Saint Nicholas saw the lonely child and asked him what he would like most to have for Christmas. Stasia replied, "One thing only I want and that is that once in my life someone will hold me on his knee, pat me, and put his arms around me the way fathers and mothers do." Saint Nicholas took the boy on his knee, patted him, put his arms around him and held him there until he went to sleep. The next morning Stasia awoke a happy boy, with new clothes, new shoes, food, and the memory of having been loved.



With grateful hearts, we

sing out to our many friends and

customers, "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

KRESGE'S

Merry Christmas

TO OUR VALUED
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MANY FRIENDS

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Cletus Blake
Driver-Salesman

Season's Greetings

May your stockings be just "sock-full,"

May your tree be "chock-full" -- of

all the wondrous things - that Santa

always brings . . . And may you

find these treasures by the score -- of

peace and joy, and good-will evermore!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



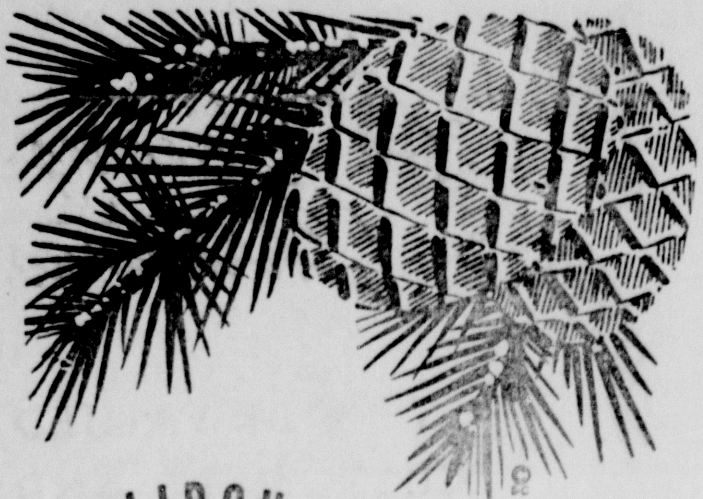
The Management and Employees of
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Smokey Says:



ALL I ASK---
JUST BE CAREFUL!

FIRE! . . . a simple word--as
careful, they get out of control!



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Once again we pause from business details to honor our many fine customers and friends. Gratefully we say: Thanks, and merry Christmas.

Petty

3 SOUTH JACKSON

January
According to legend, January was added to the calendar about 709 B. C., by Numa Pompilius, second king of Rome, who gave the month only 30 days. Julius Caesar, in 46 B. C., increased the number of days in January to 31.
The College of Pharmacy, established in 1859, is the oldest unit in the University of Illinois, itself founded in 1868. Pharmacy joined the university in 1896.
Nebraska has the smallest legislature of all the states. Its legislature consists of one house of 43 members.
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Merry Christmas to all...

Uncle Nick and all the girls talking...

NICK'S



RESOLUTIONS

why make 'em then break 'em...

Let's face it—there are no easy New Year resolutions. With each new year, man makes all kinds of promises to himself and to others. And, each year these same promises and resolutions fall by the wayside even before the NEW year off the incoming year.
There is no easy resolution, for no resolution is worth the making unless it corrects a fault or curbs a bad habit. Something must be sacrificed if a resolution is to be worthwhile.
The chief reason most resolutions are never kept is because they were impractical to begin with. This year, 1955, we might all resolve that we will make no foolish resolutions that we shall not be able to keep.
With the world situation being what it is at the present time, we might all do well to settle on one single resolution—the will to work together for the achievement of a world peace. If we do this, and each live up to our individual responsibilities in regard to the achievement of such a high ideal, no other resolutions will be required.

American Presidents Have Celebrated Christmas Each In His Own Way

WASHINGTON (AP)—Christmas in the White House can be lonely, gloomy... or as gay as the laughter of children in your own home.

Through the years, presidents have observed Christmas each in his own way—and that way has depended on his family.

This year, no merry laughter of children will be heard in the big house at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

President Eisenhower and the First Lady will be in Augusta, Ga. Whether their three grandchildren, their son, and daughter-in-law will join them is uncertain.

Like Any Other Home

But in other years, the White House has been little different at Yuletide than the average American home.

Take Teddy Roosevelt, for instance. His sons weren't awed a bit by the White House. Christmas morning usually found them in their father's bedroom for the ritual of opening Christmas stockings. Then came the stampede downstairs for the opening of presents.

Christmas Eve, 1929, in the White House was dramatic. A fire broke out in the west wing while Mrs. Hoover was entertaining a group of children at a party. She kept the party going and the children unaware.

Mr. Hoover watched firemen put out the blaze from a vantage point on the main roof.

Franklin D. Roosevelt celebrated Christmas by reading Dickens' Christmas Carol to grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He acted out each part with relish, especially old Scrooge.

FDR Liked Candles

FDR was pretty old-fashioned. He used to insist that the Christmas tree have real candles. The Secret Service cringed, knowing that the White House was something of a fire trap at that time.

Christmas was an unhappy and tragic time for some presidents. When Winston Churchill visited FDR in 1942, Tobruk had just fallen. Wake Island had surrendered two days before Christmas, and Washington knew Manila was doomed.

In 1950, Harry Truman was gloomy. He thought of Americans fighting in Korea.

And then there was the President who used to spend each Christmas Eve by leaving the White House and walking a few blocks to a toy shop.

The proprietor would take out toy soldiers. Sometimes, the President would line them up and explain certain military maneuvers. Then the President would take the toys and, his lank figure slumped in thought, trudge back to the White House with the toy soldiers for his boys.

His name? Abraham Lincoln.

LITTLE LIZ

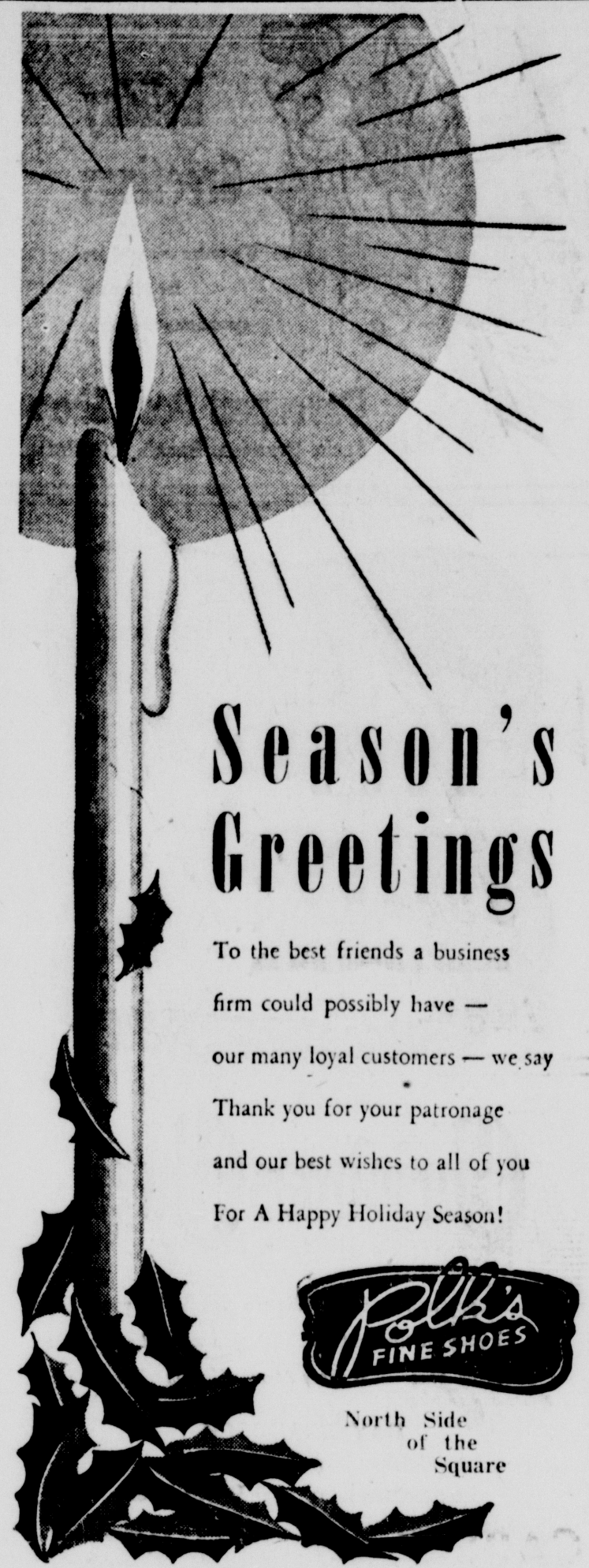


Mixed company is what you are in when you think of a good story you can't tell there.



May the blessings of the Almighty unfold with abundance for you during the holidays and through the year.

PICKFORD Flower Shop

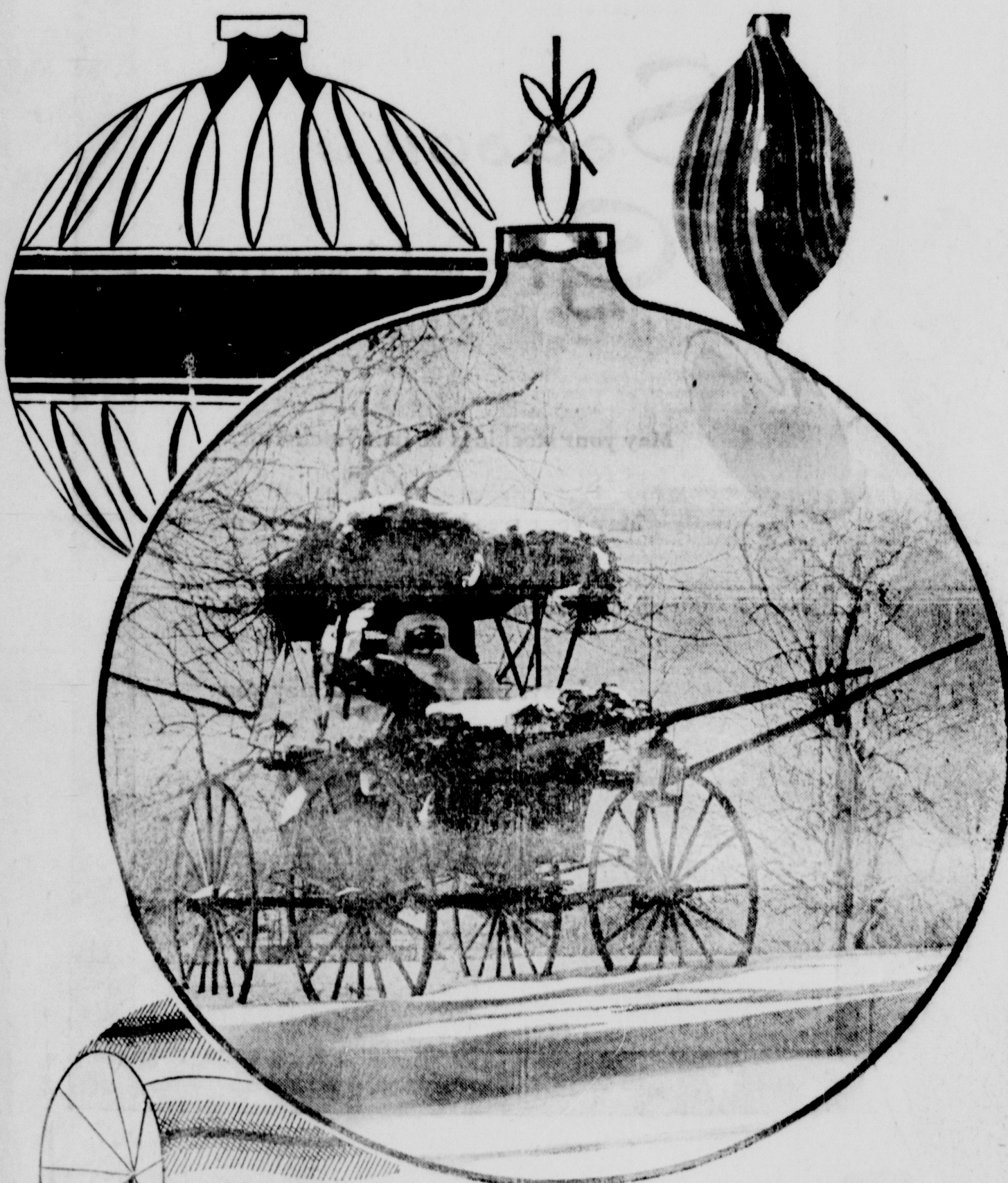


Season's Greetings

To the best friends a business firm could possibly have — our many loyal customers — we say Thank you for your patronage and our best wishes to all of you For A Happy Holiday Season!



North Side of the Square



An Old Fashioned Christmas Greeting!

May your Yuletide be enriched with all the blessings of a traditional Christmas — Peace, as quiet as new-fallen snow... the heartwarming Joy of a family together... Good Will for all! This is our old-fashioned wish for our friends — MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SALINE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE



Christmas Greetings

It is indeed a pleasure to thank all of you -- who are our loyal customers -- for your continued patronage. It has been a real pleasure to serve you! And it is a pleasure now to extend to you -- our warmest wishes for all that's bright and gay IN THIS WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON...

SKAGG'S PHARMACY

SOUTH SIDE THE SQUARE



to our friends, at
Christmas
A Joyous Holiday Season
EBB'S SHOE SHOP

Season's Greetings
TO ALL OUR MANY FRIENDS...
RAYMOND CARROLL OF
CARROLL'S JEWELRY
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Noel
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Newkirk's Exclusive Millinery

In the Spirit of the
Holiday Seasons
I Wish to Offer a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
To You All

GORDON E. KERR
State Representative



THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS
YULETIDE LEGENDS ARE WEIRD, WONDERFUL AND REVEALING. MANY TOLD FROM MEDIEVAL TIMES UNTIL THE 20th CENTURY DESCRIBED CHRISTMAS EVE AS A NIGHT OF MAGIC.

NORWAY — THE "OLD GODS" SWOOPED DOWN FROM MOUNTAIN HIDEAWAYS TO KIDNAP CHRISTIANS, AS REVENGE FOR ADOPTING A NEW FAITH.

ITALY — AS THE YULE LOG BURNED, WINE WAS POURED ON IT THREE TIMES. THEN THE ASHES BECAME A CHARM AGAINST STORMS AND ILLNESS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

MEXICO — HOMES WERE DECORATED WITH "LUMINARIOS," FESTIVE CANDLES IN BROWN SAND BAGS, TO GUIDE THE CHRIST CHILD AS HE RETURNED FROM HEAVEN.

FRANCE — WITCHES LIGHTED THE WAY TO BURIED TREASURE, AND A WASTEFUL LIFE, FOR THOSE WHO DIDN'T ATTEND MIDNIGHT MASS.

AMERICA — CHRISTMAS EVE IS A TIME FOR PRAYER, DECORATING TREES AND SINGING CAROLS. SANTA CLAUS RETURNS, AND GAY CHRISTMAS CARDS LIKE THESE REMIND US ALL THE MODERN YULETIDE IS STILL A SEASON OF ENCHANTMENT.



TIMES SQUARE . . . The Gay White Way, before and after. At left, the way it looks each year as crowds welcome the new year. At right, department stores getting ready by boarding up their windows to prevent breaking of display windows by happy celebrants.



KING SIZE . . . Letter of "thanks" is mailed by 19-month-old triple amputee in Roxbury, Mass. who received artificial limbs in time to walk for 1953 Christmas celebration.

Even Christmas Banned at One Time in Boston

BOSTON — Even Christmas was banned in Boston at one time. Back in 1659, the strait-laced Puritans passed a law penalizing anyone "found observing any such day as Christmas or the like."

This was "for preventing disorder arising in seuerall (sic) places within this jurisdiction, by reason of some still observing such feftiualls (sic) as were superstitiously kept in other countries."

The legislative body ruling that Massachusetts Bay Colony said that to feast on Christmas or to take the day off from work was "to the great dishonor of God & offense of others."

"Every such person so offending shall pay for every such offence five shillings as a fine to the country," the law said. The Christmas ban was enacted in "records of the governor and company of the Massachusetts Bay and New-England."

The Puritans were harsh on Christmas because of the "heathenish" merry-making they said surrounded it—the gifts, the Christmas tree and the feasting.

They charged many of the customs were from pagan religions. **Made Legal in 1885**

They had a fair argument in some cases. Historians generally agree the custom of exchanging gifts came from ancient Roman and Scandinavian feasts which occurred at about the same time as Christmas.

The Romans often decked their gifts with sprigs of holly.

These echoes of pagan times drew dark looks from the strict Puritans. But they were fighting a losing battle as hordes of Christmas-loving immigrants poured into this nation.

The Puritans and their descendants retreated to their embattlements atop Beacon Hill and commanded from there. They apparently were effective. For Christmas in Massachusetts officially is only 99 years old.

It wasn't until 1885 that it finally was made a legal holiday.

December 25 is Not Christmas The World Over

Shrouded in mystery and confusion for centuries, the exact date of the birth of Christ is still unknown today, and, as a result, Christmas is celebrated at different times throughout the Christian world.

One of the earliest records is found in a book written by Tippo-

lytus in 202 A. D., which states that Jesus was born in Bethlehem on Wednesday, December 25th, in the 42nd year of Augustus.

Another ancient manuscript, the Calendar of Philocalus, which appeared in 354 A. D., tells us: "In the Year One After Christ, the Lord Jesus was born on December 25, a Friday, and the 15th day of the New Moon."

However, according to astronomy, in the year 1 A. D., December 25th fell on Sunday.

In most countries of Western Europe December 6th is celebrated

and begins a long holiday season. The Armenian Christmas is observed on January 6th.

In the United States we accept the word of the ancient writers and celebrate Christmas on December 25th, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls.

Grenadine To Color Fruit
NEW YORK — Give fresh grapefruit a holiday touch this way. Cut the grapefruit in half, lengthwise. Separate the sections from the membrane and rind and cut out the center. Crumble after-dinner mint candies over each half and add 1 teaspoon grenadine to each. Top center with slices of red and green maraschino cherries.

A cartel is an agreement whereby certain firms control the prices and regulate the production and marketing of certain commodities, usually on an international basis.

NOEL
Long after the candles
burn low, our warmest wish
still holds true, May Christmas
bring all the best to you!
Fred Hoehn Auto Supplies

Good Cheer, Friends!
In this gay season of fellowship, we take great joy in saluting our valued patrons, whose friendship we truly treasure: **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
Tess and Gene Kimberlin and the Employees of
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reetings
OUR VERY BEST WISHES TO YOU FOR A HAPPY AND REWARDING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY!
HENDRIX Paint and Wallpaper
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Christmas Greetings

May your Yuletide glow brightly with that good old fashioned Christmas cheer that makes every heart lighter, every friendship warmer, every hour richer in happiness and contentment.

From All The Folks At
Pankey's Bakery



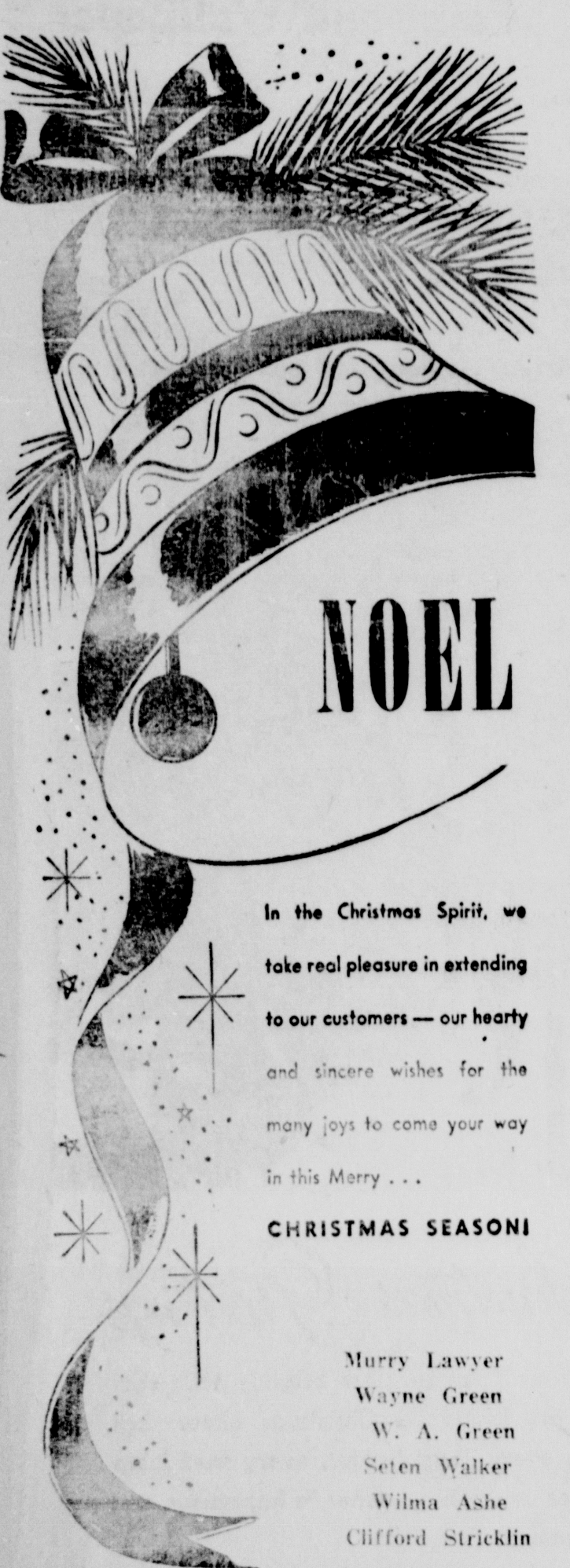
Hello!

Like Santa — we
enjoy making
this Christmas
brighter with thanks,
and good wishes
to our many friends

MERRY
CHRISTMAS!

ARENSMAN'S

YOUR FAMILY SHOE STORE



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In the Christmas Spirit, we
take real pleasure in extending
to our customers — our hearty
and sincere wishes for the
many joys to come your way
in this Merry...

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YOU'RE SO FOND OF CHILDREN, WHY DON'T YOU ADOPT ONE, AMY?

THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE SOLUTION, CAROL... BUT HAVE YOU EVER TRIED TO ADOPT ONE?



OUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN IN OVER A YEAR, BUT WE SEEM NO CLOSER TO GETTING ONE THAN WE WERE THEN.



WE'VE BEEN INTERVIEWED BY THE CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY, AND PASSED INSPECTION, BUT THE DEMAND IS FAR GREATER THAN THE SUPPLY!

Long Wait

By Leslie Turner



LAST YEAR WE THOUGHT SURE THE ADOPTION AGENCY WOULD FIND US ONE BY NOW!

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, AMY, BUT I SUPPOSE IT TAKES TIME TO PLACE EACH CHILD IN JUST THE RIGHT HOME.



I KNOW... BUT WE'VE MET THEIR REQUIREMENTS. I JUST CAN'T HELP BEING IMPATIENT...

WANDA, HERE IS AN IDEAL PROSPECT

Overheard



CHRISTMAS MORNING IN CENTRAL PARK... KIDS TRYING OUT THEIR NEW SKATES... THE DISTANT HUM OF TRAFFIC MISSING TODAY...

THIS DAY ABOVE ALL OTHERS SEEMS RATHER EMPTY WITHOUT A TOT TO SHARE IT, CAROL...



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Defined

Real estate is land and all the things permanently attached to it, such as the trees and buildings upon it and any minerals, such as coal, iron, or stone, beneath the surface.

Second Calling

When war threatened between the United States and France in 1793, President John Adams appointed George Washington as commander of the land forces.

Inland Tides

Tidal forces of the sun and moon produce tides in inland lakes, but they usually are too small to measure. Lake Superior, for example, has a tide with a range of about two inches.



There's a baby blanket of soft, warm cashmere and still won't look like a gunny sack after three washings. Nice for babies who itch uncomfortably in any kind of wool covering.

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Happy Holiday!

To One and All!



Factory Outlet Shoe Store

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Gregorian Calendar Unified Our Timekeeping

Our present calendar—the Gregorian—was the first calendar to achieve any semblance of world unity on the time front.

The coming of this calendar, instituted by Pope Gregory in 1582 laid the groundwork for universal celebration of New Year's day.

Europe, which for centuries had celebrated March 25 as the first day of the year, was the first to adopt the Gregorian calendar. But it was not a complete adoption until 1752 when Great Britain joined the other European countries recognizing January 1 as the first day of the year and instituting use of the Gregorian calendar.

Of course, the date of January 1 is not celebrated by everyone. The Jews observe a 10-day New Year season at the time of the autumn equinox. The Moslem calendar, which dates to 626 A.D. has 12 months that begin with the approximate new moon without any intercalation to keep them geared to the seasonal equinoxes.

And, the Gregorian, although it performed a great job of unification, still doesn't satisfy everyone that uses it. Periodically some one comes forth with what they consider a better way of marking time.

Christmas Rose Is Hallowed By Legend

The delicate beauty of the Christmas-rose (helleborus niger) is hallowed by legend. A poor shepherd girl, the story goes, wept bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to the Christ Child bearing rich gifts when she had nothing. An angel appeared. Upon learning the reason for the girl's distress, the angel caused the ground to be carpeted with shining white flowers. The young shepherdess gathered some blossoms. When she presented her gift, the Infant smiled and as His fingers touched the white flowers, the petals became tinged with pink.

Feasting Important To World Observance Of New Year

Feasting is as important a part of a New Year celebration as of Thanksgiving, with a good meal on the first day of the year symbolizing that there will be plenty throughout the days ahead.

The New Year's day banquet differs as one travels around the world. An important dish among the Spaniards is sopa, rice cooked with olive oil, tomatoes, vegetables and meat particles. Africans partake of cous-cous, which is composed of wheat grains, lamb and vegetables. Pickled greens, raw fish, roast bird and shrimp fritters are menu headlines in Japan, with pickled chrysanthemum petals considered a special delicacy. The Swedes temper their feasts with a special drink, called glogg which is a claret wine sweetened with sugar and flavored with almonds, raisins, dried orange peel, cinnamon, cloves and cardamom. It is usually set afire before serving.

Feasts in England and Western Europe are similar to our American menus, chief difference being in the choice of side dishes. Turkey, duck or goose make the popular roast in England and in France. Latin countries bedeck their holiday fowl with truffles, chestnuts and olives and one might find snails on the menu in France.

ROSE BOWL

The fabulous Rose Bowl game started out as a supplement to the Tournament of Roses when the first east-west game was played on January 1, 1902. Michigan beat Stanford, 49-0.



Greetings

Whether you observe Christmas Day
In quiet prayer or make it ring with gaiety,
We wish each and every one of our
Many friends and customers — a Holiday
Filled with rich blessings and joy!

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